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Carey: "Prisons must be places of hope"

By Ruth Gledhill and Jill Sherman

THE Archbishop of Canterbury last night accused the Government of moving towards a "wild frontier" penal system motivated by revenge rather than justice.

In an unprecedented attack on Michael Howard's policy of tougher prison sentences, Dr George Carey called for greater use of other punishments, such as community work and said: "If you treat people like animals, they will respond like animals. If you treat people with respect and justice, they are more likely to behave in a way which is more respectful of themselves and others." Revenge-driven punishment was "what we see in wild frontier societies which have no settled legal system".

Dr Carey's address to the Prison Reform Trust was the first intervention by a Church leader in the row between the Home Secretary and the judiciary over sentencing. Several senior judges have said that Mr Howard's plans, to be detailed in a Bill this autumn, will fetter their discretion to fit the punishment to the crime and even lead to more murders. Lord Taylor of Gosforth, the retiring Lord Chief Justice, has spoken out more than once and intends to use his last public speech on May 23 to step up his attack on the proposals.

Last night Dr Carey said that deterrence was a proper purpose of imprisonment. "But because so few criminals are actually caught, the practical deterrent effect of imprisonment is hotly disputed."

Arguing also that only a "fairly small minority" of prisoners were violent, he called for "investment in a more satisfactory range of community-based punishment, rehabilitation and reintegration in society".

He added: "One wonders how the protection of the public for the duration of a person's sentence can justify the huge numbers who shuffle in and out of the prison system today."

His speech was immediately criticised by the Home Office Minister Ann Widdecombe, although she said the Archbishop had made a very important contribution to the debate. "Where I take issue with him is on the point that he says there are too many people in prison and deduces that this is a bad thing. Prison protects the public by taking people out of circulation and gives us a chance to rehabilitate them."

The Archbishop said that imprisoning offenders far from their homes unjustly punished innocent families and disrupted the very relationships that could offer the best long-term hope of restoring the offender to a law-abiding life.

He particularly condemned the curtailment of home leave. "Of course I understand the need to convince the public that, as part of restoring relationships, a crime is repudiated with sufficient severity," he said. "At the same time, if the purposes of justice are to be served, prisons must be places where the motivation of hope is present and where the restoration of relationships is encouraged."

Dr Carey, who in the 1970s served as a prison chaplain at Durham, said there had been great improvements in prisons, but too many people were still sent to jail, and he wanted to see a greater emphasis on rehabilitation in the community. "Present penal policy is, in my opinion, weighted too heavily in favour of imprisonment, to the detriment of those forms of correction which, I firmly believe, offer more hope in the long term."

Dr Carey said that despite improvements in the recorded crime rate, "the overall situation is that both crime and fear of crime have become a lot worse over a period of many years. They are now causing serious damage to the social fabric."

£31m bill for Dame Shirley and her team

By Ian Murray and Philip Webster

SIMON WALKER

Dame Shirley Porter yesterday: I am confident that we will win in court

DAME SHIRLEY PORTER and five former colleagues were yesterday ordered to repay nearly £32 million over the Westminster City Council homes-for-votes scandal.

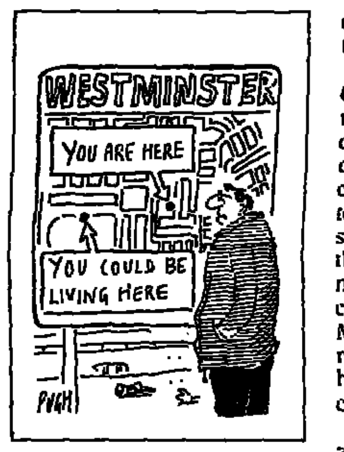
The six — three councillors and three officials — were accused by a district auditor of wilful misconduct in masterminding a gerrymandering exercise to protect the slender Tory hold on power in the borough.

But John Major and other ministers adamantly refused to condemn them, and the Prime Minister accused Tony Blair of contemptible smear tactics in accusing the Government of complicity in the "biggest single financial scandal in the history of local government".

Labour also claimed that Conservative leaders all the way up to Downing Street sanctioned the policy and demanded a public inquiry into the findings of a seven-year investigation by the auditor John Magill.

Mr Magill accused the former council leader Dame Shirley and her colleagues of trying to fix election results in marginal wards by moving out council tenants and selling their homes cheaply to people who were more likely to vote Conservative. His 2,000-page report pointed to a catalogue of deceit, obstruction and delay designed to hide "disgraceful and improper gerrymandering" between 1987 and 1989.

Mr Magill found that Dame Shirley and her colleagues had spent £31.7 million on the gerrymander policy and that they were "jointly and severally" liable to repay it, although he laid emphasis on the role of the former council leader.



"Councillor Lady Porter knew it was unlawful and wrong for the council to exercise its powers to secure an electoral advantage for any political party or to gerrymander or, in pursuit of such advantage for her party, she was at least recklessly indifferent as to whether it was right or wrong," he wrote.

But Dame Shirley — a Tesco heiress who would have little difficulty in finding £32 million — said that she would take the issue to the High Court. "I will appeal against it," she said. "I am confident we will win in court when the evidence and case are heard by a proper judge.

"Mr Magill's investigation has been blatantly unfair. One man has been prosecutor, judge and jury. He prejudged this case two years ago when he pronounced us guilty before hearing our evidence. The accusation that Westminster 'gerrymandered' and that there was a homes-for-votes policy is absurd — 85 per cent of homes went to existing tenants."

The issue exploded in the Commons when Mr Major three times refused Mr Blair's demand that he should condemn Dame Shirley and her colleagues. The Prime Minister insisted that the issue had still to go before the courts and that those involved were vehemently protesting their innocence. He was surprised that Mr Blair had made a judgment on the outcome before it had gone to court. That was a contemptible way to behave.

Mr Blair retorted that the allegations had been proven and it was contemptible that Mr Major had refused to condemn those responsible. If he continued in that approach, "it will be crystal clear to the people that there are no depths to which the Conservative Party will not stoop to gain re-election to any office it holds."

While senior Conservatives admitted privately that the findings were deeply damaging, the Commons row continued when Frank Dobson, the shadow environment secretary, alleged that the scandal did not just involve a few maverick councillors but the whole Tory party "including people at 10 Downing St."

He used parliamentary privilege to claim that Sir John Wheeler, the Northern Ireland Minister, Sir Paul Beresford, the junior Environment Minister, Peter Brooke, the former Tory chairman, and Barry Legg, MP for Milton Keynes South West, were all involved "to a greater or lesser extent".

The report cites a letter from Dame Shirley to Mrs (now Lady) Thatcher, before a meeting with the then Prime Minister in December 1986. "We in Westminster are trying to gentrify the City," Dame Shirley wrote. "We must protect our electoral position which is being seriously eroded by the number of homeless that we have been forced to house. I am afraid that unless something can be done, it will be very difficult for us to keep Westminster Conservative."

The huge surcharge imposed yesterday easily outstrips the £350,000 levied in 1985 on councillors in Liverpool and the £100,000 payback order served on councillors in Lambeth at the height of the Labour "loony left" era in local government. The judicial review of the auditor's findings is unlikely to be heard until next year and the surcharge order is suspended until then.

The six accused of "wilful misconduct" are Dame Shirley, the former deputy leader David Weeks, former housing committee chairman Peter Hartley, former managing director Bill Phillips and senior housing officials Graham England and Paul Hayler.

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De Klerk pulls party out of ANC coalition

From Inigo Gilmore in Cape Town and R.W. Johnson in Johannesburg

SOUTH AFRICA'S National Party yesterday announced its withdrawal from the Government of National Unity, accelerating the rand's precipitous fall on the currency markets and steep declines in the stock and bond markets.

The first South African government without a nationalist component since 1948 will be a reality from the end of next month. The split follows an extended period of disaffection between the African National Congress and F. W. de Klerk's mainly white party.

It was brought to a head by the terms of the new constitution, agreed on Wednesday, which starkly underlined the ANC's determination to dispense with a national unity government and opt for majority rule.

The move marks the end of two years of power sharing and the rebirth of the Nationalists as a true opposition to the ANC.

In a statement, Mr de Klerk, the Second Deputy President, said: "Now that the ANC has opted for a simple form of majority rule, despite the complexities of our society, we have reached a natural watershed in the transformation of our society.

"The National Party has felt for some time now that our influence within the Government of National Unity has been declining. The ANC is acting more and more as if they no longer need a multiparty government.

"We feel that the stage has now been reached where we will be able to serve the national interest more effectively by concentrating fully on a responsible opposition rule untrammeled by co-responsibility within the Government of National Unity," he said.

President Mandela said the National Party had emphasised that its decision to withdraw was not an expression of a lack of confidence in the Government.

Mr Mandela said the National Party's decision would not mean any changes for economic policies, saying they were "premised on the needs and aspirations of all

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Wheezing hits nearly half of Britons

By Jeremy Laurance, Health Correspondent

NEARLY half of Britain's population will suffer from asthma or wheezing by the time they reach their early thirties, but research into the problem is being critically ignored, according to experts yesterday.

A study of more than 18,000 people born in March 1958 suggests that a fifth of Britons have had asthma or a wheeze by the age of seven, a quarter by 16, and 43 per cent by 33.

But Ian Govendir, the chief executive of the British Lung Foundation, said: "Britain is becoming more and more affected by wheezing illness, yet research into this area has been critically ignored ... Lung disease receives only a very small share of the medical research cake compared with other areas."

The figures come from one of the largest such research programmes in the world, by the National Child Development Study. It has yielded a mass of information on health and lifestyle over the last 38 years.

The children or their parents were interviewed five times during the study. The analysis, by researchers at St George's hospital, London, shows that wheezing in childhood is linked to pneumonia, hay fever and eczema, but wheezing in early adulthood is most strongly linked to smoking.

"A quarter of children who were asthmatic or wheezy at the age of seven were still suffering at 33. Many of those affected had a period of remission during their late teens, but the condition returned in adulthood. Writing in the *British Medical Journal*, the authors say: "We believe our study is unique in showing that even after a disease-free interval of seven years or more, subjects with a history of wheezing illness in childhood retained a risk of late wheezing above that of their healthy peers."

Although it is possible that they were more aware of asthmatic symptoms or continued the same lifestyle in adulthood that caused their symptoms in childhood, the most likely reason for the recurrence was that abnormalities of the airways persisted through the teenage years.

However, the influence of maternal smoking on wheezing in early childhood was "weak and inconsistent", in contrast to the findings of several other studies. Smoking was still a "powerful and potentially avoidable risk factor" for wheezing starting in adult life.

Dr Martyn Partridge, chief medical adviser to the National Asthma Campaign and consultant chest physician at Whipps Cross hospital, said asthma was increasing across the western world.

The cause of the increase remains a mystery, but is linked with modern lifestyles. Changes in diet and the living environment are the most likely factors.

The British Lung Foundation is launching Breathe Easy week next month to raise awareness and funds to help the wheezing population.

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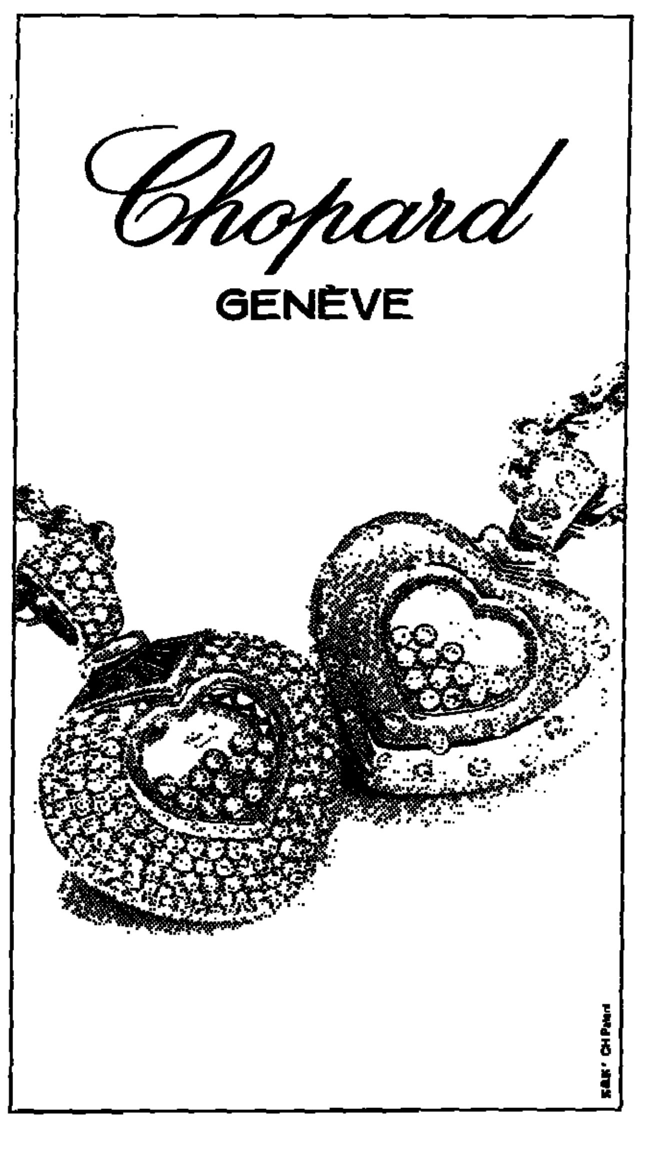

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Protesting too much in a House-for-votes scandal

MATTHEW PARRIS
POLITICAL SKETCH

With much huffing and puffing, Tory and Labour MPs yesterday accused each other of doing what everyone knows both of them do: gloat about reports when the result suits them, and studiously ignore them when it does not. The district auditor had found heavily against certain Tories on Westminster Council. Suddenly the Conservative Party was overcome by a huge sense of legal propriety.

Tory MPs became quite unable to comment, lest they prejudice accused persons' appeals. Such fastidiousness! Odd how little of it one saw when Robert Maxwell fell.

Suddenly the Labour Party, which has seldom felt able to comment when Labour councils are caught misbehaving, was overtaken by moral horror of the noisiest sort. Odd how horror had been supressed when Labour councillors defied the law.

Yesterday it was the Tories' turn to come over all prim and proper about the rights of the accused to lodge their appeals. Outside Westminster, the evening papers were hitting the news stands. Within, and in a space of hours, Tory concern for due process became little short of majestic. Pressed very forcefully by Tony Blair at PM's Questions, John Major made the best fist he could of righteous indignation, then counter-attacked on Labour's own record in local Government.

It was unconvincing, but it was better than the alternative: if Major had condemned Tory councillors, we would have called him abject. Instead, a difficult quarter hour left the Premier on the defensive, but on his feet. Major's most effective riposte was to accuse Tony Blair of pious moralising.

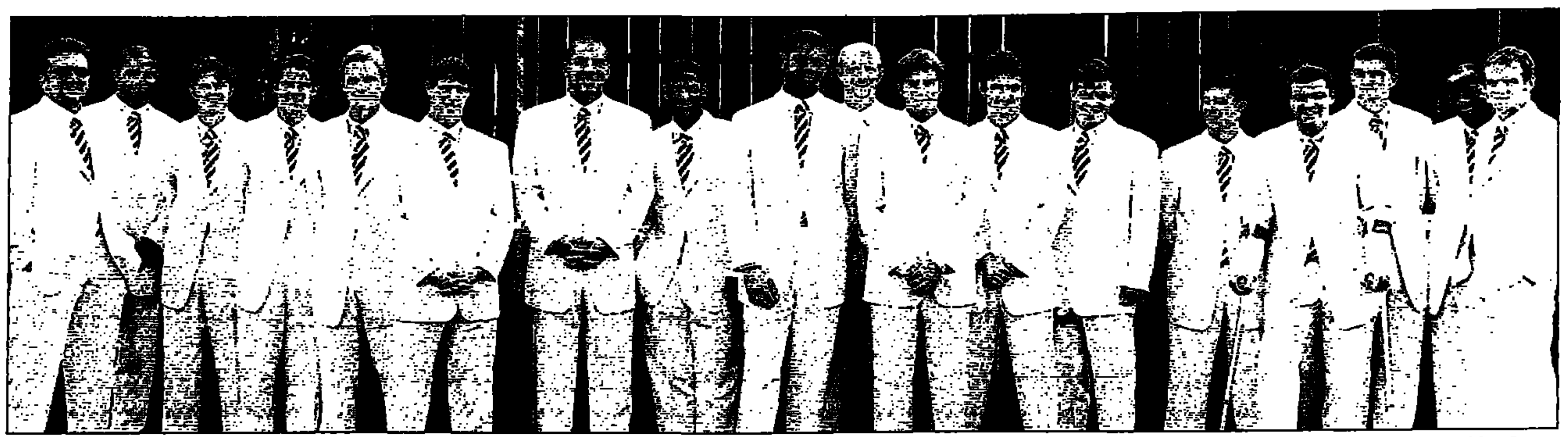
Perhaps the PM forgot who was to follow at the dispatch box. John Gummer is never knowingly out-moralised. Obliged to take questions on the auditor's report, the Environment Secretary blew himself into such a storm of sanctimony that one would have thought he was guarding the Mace from the King's bullies, rather than protecting a shower of local councillors from censure over practices which the auditor had called disgraceful. Goggle-eyed and puff-cheeked, Mr Gummer dragged in Jeremy Thorpe, Clay Cross, the principle of equality before the law, and a whole battery of phrases such as "Her Majesty's domains," all in the cause of saying (I think) that as an appeal was shortly to be lodged, he would rather reserve his judgment until it had been determined.

Stated crisply, and repeated brusquely and without elaboration, Gummer might have got away with it.

He would have been assisted in his escape by a misjudged performance from his Labour shadow, Frank Dobson, who went right over the top and appeared to accuse the universally respected Peter Brooke (C, City of London & Westminster S) of complicity. Leftie-with-beard *versus* Venerable Gent is a contest where all bets are on the Gent. A cold reserve would have been best, but Gummer so embroidered his reserve with piety, and so embroidered his piety with indignation, and so embroidered everything with repetition, that we were left wondering what possessed the man.

In one surreal moment, he actually said: "The allegations against these individuals are extremely serious and if they are found guilty, then they will be found seriously guilty, of serious misdemeanours." And in Her Majesty's domains, God wot!

"Methinks the lady doth protest too much." In seven words Shakespeare pinpoints the pitfall into which, threshing around in a fog of verbiage, Mr Gummer fell.



Members of the Liverpool squad displaying the cream Giorgio Armani suits they will wear before tomorrow's FA Cup Final. The Italian designer was approached by the goalkeeper David James, second left, who has modelled for him in the past. Liverpool's opponents, Manchester United, will wear navy blue suits by Cecil Gee

FA investigates Euro 96 ticket sales

Phillips: said he had felt like resigning several times

BY STEWART TENDLER, DAVID MADDOCK AND STEPHEN FARRELL

TEN THOUSAND applications for Euro 96 tickets are being vetted by the Football Association after a senior official allegedly broke the rules on ticket sales.

Yesterday the FA said that 30 clubs and organisations had been authorised to make block bookings for corporate hospitality packages in breach of security controls.

Last night UEFA, the governing body on football in Europe, said it would be asking the FA for an explanation of a serious breach of the security operation surrounding the biggest sporting event in Britain for 30 years. The FA may also have to explain its actions to the police.

Two of the 30 organisations were raided last week by Scotland Yard detectives who believed their targets were touts buying tickets illegally to resell as part of hospitality packages. One of the companies is the National Sporting Club, based in the Café Royal, central London, and chaired by Bob Willis, the former England cricketer.

The club always maintained that it had authorisation for the tickets. Now FA officials allege that some multiple ticket sales were authorised by Trevor Phillips, who resigned as commercial director of the FA earlier this week. Last night Mr Phillips, who left his job after a highly publicised police investigation into the distribution of tickets, returned to England after a brief holiday in Portugal. He said he would issue a statement soon. Mr Phillips said that he had merely been too honest, and had felt like quitting several times because he was unable to make people happy at the FA whatever he did. A spokesman at the FA confirmed that Mr Phillips had resigned over a number of issues, some unconnected to the tickets investigation. There is no suggestion that he had profited from the sale of tickets to "unauthorised" corporate hospitality agencies.

Under the UEFA and FA rules for the championship, all multiple applications for hospitality packages are supposed to be sold through two registered outlets. Yesterday the FA said in a statement that a number of organisations had made applications for tickets for groups or individuals, and Euro 96 is now writing to each organisation telling them security checks will be made on the buyers. If the buyers are genuine and have not ordered more than four tickets they will receive them from the official distributors. The FA believes that the vast majority of the buyers will get their tickets. One official said: "We are not claiming what has happened is ideal but we are in a position to bring the system back into line."

Yesterday directors of the National Sporting Club threatened to take action against the FA after it was raided by police investigating Euro 96 ticket sales. A director and a woman employee were bailed. Directors of the National Sporting Club accused FA officials of putting them on an approved list for tickets, then failing to inform police.

David Willis, a director of the club and Bob Willis's brother, said that Manchester United, Liverpool and Nottingham Forest football clubs were also authorised to make applications.

De Klerk pull-out

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the country's people" and were based on sound fiscal rectitude and would be promoted with even more vigour.

Mr de Klerk also sought to allay concerns by insisting that the economic policies of the Government are "sound" and that there was no reason to believe that the ANC would deviate from the course they had been instrumental in charting.

Since the all-race elections of 1994 the Nationalists, with a minority of Cabinet seats, have been battling to define themselves against an increasingly dominant and aggressive ANC which has outsmarted them in government and in constitutional talks.

With the industrial index off 154 points for the day and interest rates at worldwide highs, President Mandela portrayed the move as a step towards turning the country into a normal democracy.

In practical terms the decision means Mr de Klerk will step down from his post, five Nationalist ministers and three deputy ministers will resign, losing their ministerial offices, cars and perks in the process. It is not expected that all ministers will return to parliament. But Mr de Klerk said that rumours that he was planning to resign were false, adding that he was "raring to go as leader of the Opposition".

A decision on pulling out of coalition governments in South Africa's nine provinces, of which the National Party only controls the Western Cape, will be taken next week. It is expected that it will be left up to individual provincial parties to decide on whether or not to withdraw so that the Nationalists are expected, for instance, to remain in the KwaZulu-Natal Government but leave the Eastern Cape where it has scant influence.

Tony Leon, leader of the Democratic Party, said the move would break a logjam in the current political situation, implying that it would spice up what has become tame debate on government policies.

The new opponents did not waste any time in getting down to political point scoring.

One ANC spokesman said the National Party's move would only further their marginalisation, but Mr de Klerk scoffed at such suggestions, saying it was the start of their triumphant return as the majority party.

The move has raised questions about the further participation of the Inkatha Freedom Party, the third coalition partner in the Government. Chief Mangosuthu Buthelezi, the Inkatha leader, has already threatened to pull out of the Government over the new unitary constitution, which he said is a recipe for disaster and has pledged to fight it through the courts. A senior party official said yesterday they would review the situation regularly.

British Rail's art auction puts pensioners on track to profits

BY JOHN SHAW

THE British Rail pension fund is to sell works of art worth about £10 million. A group of antiquities, 24 Old Masters and a quantity of European sculpture, metalwork and enamels will go under Sotheby's hammer between July 2 and 4.

They were acquired as part of an extensive investment in fine art which began in 1974. Although criticised by dealers at the time, the move has since proved outstandingly successful for BR pensioners.

The fund invested £40 million over six years and sales, begun nine years ago, have yielded an overall total of £134 million. This brought a 13.11 per cent cash return and a 5.33 per cent annual return over the retail prices index. Last month the fund's Indian and Persian miniatures made £2.2 million after being estimated at £1 million.

The fund says the investment has met the primary objective of safeguarding pensions by matching inflation over time. There has also been a real increase in values but a full assessment will be possible only once the entire portfolio has been sold.

More than 2,000 items were bought over a wide area of the market. The fund still retains 271, which cost £12.3 million originally. Items are sold when various sectors of the market have been strong, as in the case of Old Masters. Seventeen were sold in December 1994 for a hammer price of £6.3 million (pre-sale estimate £5 million). They cost £0.62 million originally. A further selection made £5.25 million (estimate £4 million) last July. The purchase price was £1.43 million.

The present group is expected to fetch between £3 million and £5 million. The undoubted star is Goya's *Death of a Picador*, a vivid depiction of the bullfight estimated at £1 million to £1.5 million. It is one of a series he painted in 1793. Sotheby's sold another study from this sequence for £1.8 million last July.

The series was painted when he was recovering from a near-fatal illness. They were done partly to help to pay medical bills and partly to aid his recuperation.

Many of the fund's pictures have been in blue chip exhibitions or hung in leading institutions including the British Museum, and the Victoria & Albert Museum, South Kensington. Others have gone abroad to places such as the Detroit Instititue of Fine Art and the San Antonia Museum, Texas.

£14m masterpiece to be exported

BY JOANNA BALE

A £14 million Renaissance masterpiece by Fra Bartolommeo (1475-1517) is expected to go to the Getty Museum in California after the failure of attempts to keep it in Britain.

Lord Inglewood, the junior Heritage Minister, extended the export deadline for *The Holy Family with the Infant St John* in January in an attempt to allow a British bidder to come forward. The deadline passed on Wednesday without success.

The National Gallery is believed to have decided not to make a bid for it after applying for lottery money to buy a work by Seurat instead. There were also rumours that the newly knighted Graham Kirkham, the businessman who made a substantial loan to the Tory party, was, at one point, interested in buying it for Britain.

The National Heritage Department said there had been "a serious intention" to raise the money to save the painting for the nation. The decision to extend the deadline was hailed as a test case for the export system after the Getty Museum's unsuccessful attempt to acquire a licence for *The Three Graces* by Canova.

David Barrie, the director of the National Art Collections Fund, a leading art charity, said last night: "We were prepared to give a grant towards keeping it, but we could never have come up with anywhere near the full amount. I think it is very sad indeed that it has gone.

"This is a very great work of the High Renaissance, one of the finest to have come on the market in recent years."

The Holy Family with the Infant St John

NEWS IN BRIEF

IRA bomber to stand in Ulster election

Gerry Kelly, 42, the convicted IRA bomber and hardline republican strategist, will stand for Sinn Fein in the election on May 30 to all-party talks in Northern Ireland (Nicholas Watt writes). The move comes amid reports that leading republicans are intensely debating whether to renew the IRA ceasefire or to step up the terrorist campaign. Mr Kelly is among 70 Sinn ein candidates for the poll. Gerry Adams, the party's president, will stand in West Belfast, and Martin McGuinness, Sinn Fein's chief negotiator with the British Government, will stand in Foyle.

☐ Sinn Fein won a significant concession from the Government last night when the Home Office agreed to transfer Paddy Kelly, 43, who was jailed for 25 years in 1993, to a jail in the Irish Republic.

Ecstasy chemicals seized

Ten thousand litres of chemicals capable of making millions of doses of Ecstasy have been seized after a two-year undercover operation by detectives in Britain aided by Dutch police. The chemicals, due to be imported into Britain, were found in a container at Rotterdam. It also contained six tons of cannabis. Yesterday police were questioning five men and two women arrested in London and Grimsby. Dutch police were holding seven suspects.

Geldof divorce date

THE marriage of Bob Geldof and Paula Yates is listed for a "quickie" divorce today at Somerset House, London. Ms Yates, 35, filed for divorce in December, citing adultery by Geldof as grounds. A week later, she revealed she was pregnant by the rock singer Michael Hutchence. Geldof, 41, former singer with the Boomtown Rats, and Ms Yates were together for 18 years and have three daughters, Fifi Trixiebelle, 12, Peaches, six, and Pixie, four.

Lottery 'losers' get £3,443

A couple from Cambridgeshire beat odds of three billion to one to match five National Lottery numbers on consecutive weeks, but are only £3,443 richer. Graham Worraker, 31, and his wife Angela, 26, from Stanground, were one number off the £11.5 million jackpot on April 13, and missed the £10.2 million prize by a similar margin a week later. Camelot said the average winnings for five correct numbers was £1,000.

Superfish breakthrough

Scientists at the University of Wales have created a superfish that promises to boost the fortunes of fish farmers in the developing world. The tilapia, or St Peter's fish, a popular species in Africa and Asia, has been genetically engineered to grow bigger and faster than unaltered strains, even in polluted water. Experts believe the breakthrough might make tilapia a staple in the Third World and an export money-spinner.

Shafto grant refused

A lottery grant has been refused for a heritage centre at the home of the folk hero Bonny Bobbie Shafto. Sedgefield council had sought £760,000 to help to buy Whitworth Hall estate, the former Shafto home near Spennymoor, Co Durham. The National Heritage Memorial Fund said that although many people may know the nursery rhyme about Shafto going to sea, silver buckles on his knee, the building was "not of sufficient heritage importance".

Metronome aids walking

Researchers in Germany have discovered that the rhythmic beat of a metronome can help people with Parkinson's disease to walk and keep them out of danger in traffic-clogged streets. In tests over a 40-metre course they walked faster and with fewer steps than without the accompanying beat. Stimulation with marching music was less effective, and tapping patients rhythmically on the shoulder made them worse, according to a report in *The Lancet*.

Protected bird at risk

A protected hen chaffinch that has taken up residence in the Tesco supermarket in Carlisle is facing death. Pest exterminators have applied for a licence to kill the bird, which has evaded all attempts to capture or liberate it during the past fortnight. Chaffinches are protected under the Wildlife and Countryside Act. The store's duty manager said that the bird would be killed only if all attempts to catch it failed.

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What was once a free kick is now a penalty.

As the law stood you could go outside and play football with a live hedgehog. On the 29th April a new law came into force, with the passing of the Wild Mammals (Protection) Act. It is now an offence to intentionally inflict unnecessary suffering on any wild mammal. If you see anyone cruelly treating a wild mammal please report it to the RSPCA. Just call us on 0990 555999 and we can now take action. What was once 'criminal' is now an offence.

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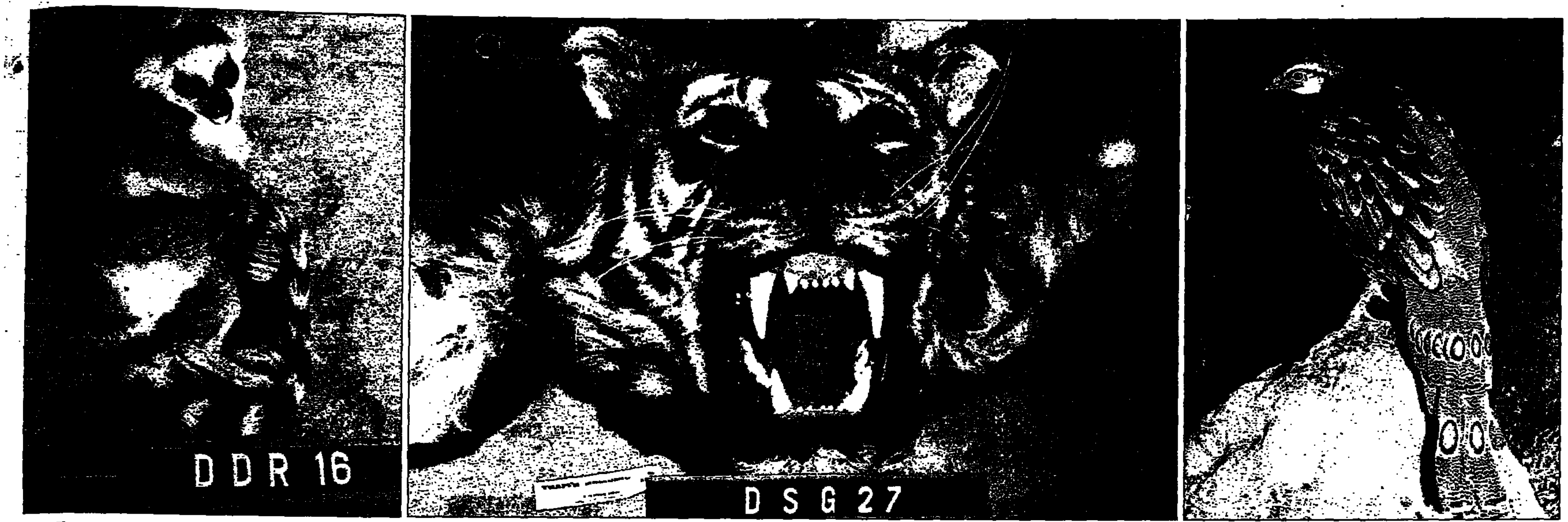
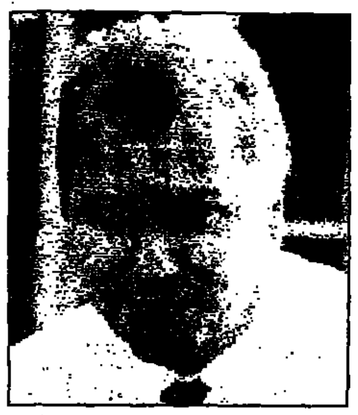


The endangered species discovered stuffed at Nicolaas Peters' home included, from left, the ring-tailed lemur, the Siberian tiger and the Palawan peacock pheasant. More than 500 specimens were found

Dealer had rare species killed for skulls and skins



Peters: admitted charges

By Lin Jenkins

A WILDLIFE dealer who had endangered species killed to order and their skulls and skins smuggled into Britain was jailed for two years yesterday.

Nicolaas Peters was for five years systematically engaged in the smuggling of animals threatened with extinction. A raid on his remote home led to the largest seizure of exotic specimens in Britain.

Experts had the task of identifying more than 500 items. Inspector Phil Lewis of the RSPCA said: "Walking into his house was like walking into a dead zoo." Among items discovered were the skulls of a Siberian tiger and a monkey-eating eagle from the Philippines. Trade in both species was banned under CITES, the international convention on endangered species.

Jailing Peters at Chester Crown Court, Judge David said: "You have persistently and deliberately flouted the regulations for profit. It is clear you contemplated that in some instances birds would be hunted and killed in order to provide these specimens."

Peters, 41, a Dutchman, had pleaded guilty at an earlier hearing to eight counts of fraudulently exporting and importing specimens of creatures protected under the convention. Six species under serious threat of extinction in the wild featured in the charges, including the Philippine monkey-eating eagle, of which only 50 pairs survive, the ring-tailed lemur, Palawan peacock pheasant, Humboldt penguin and blue-naped parrot.

Thomas Teague, for the prosecution, told the court: "The damage done can't be expressed in financial terms."

Peters ran his illegal business, called Identity Products, from his home at Aberhafesp, near Newtown, Powys. Mr Teague said he had sold to two dealers: Paul Micallef, trading in Texas under the title The American Headhunter, and Jay Villemarette, trading from Oklahoma as Skulls Unlimited. Letters had been found referring to the sale for $300 dollars to Mr Micallef of a Siberian tiger's skull and other items. Mr Villemarette had bought the skull of a babirusa, a rare protected pig. "It had special value to any collector because it was apparently used as an artefact in tribal rituals," Mr Teague said.

He read extracts of letters from a wildlife supplier, Peter Cua, which warned Peters to take precautions to avoid detection. Specimens from Mr Cua were labelled according to a private code using plate numbers from a book on Philippine birds.

In the raid on Peters' home last August two boxes were found containing more than 250 carefully labelled skins of birds from the Philippines, of which 42 were from 16 protected species. "It is quite clear from the correspondence that Peter Cua was willing to have specimens hunted to order on behalf of the defendant," Mr Teague said.

David Whittaker, for Peters, said the business had grown from a hobby. Possessing some of the specimens was not unlawful, although trading in them without a licence was. Some skins were obtained from museums and zoos and had come from animals which had died a natural death.

"Whereas once he was well regarded and respected, he is now deemed a pariah," Mr Whittaker said. "Zoos, fellow collectors and taxidermists have all effectively washed their hands of Mr Peters. His business will suffer irreparable damage long after today's outcome."

Jim Caldwell, of Customs and Excise, said prosecutors in the United States and Belgium were considering charges against Peters' associates.

Fenner's groundsman was 'put out to grass'

By Robin Young

TONY POCOCK thought he had a job for life. As only the fourth head groundsman since 1860 to tend the pitches at Fenner's, Cambridge University's cricket ground, he seemed to have cause to think he was on a good wicket.

Yet in 1994, three decades after he started work as an apprentice at the age of 16, and 14 years after he was promoted to head groundsman, Mr Pocock retired hurt because he was told to look after plastic pitches, an industrial tribunal was told yesterday.

Poor wickets for Cambridge's match against Worcestershire and the Combined Universities' game against New Zealand in 1994 brought complaints to Lord's. Inspectors from the Test and County Cricket Board decided all three wickets had to be relaid, the tribunal was told.

Mr Pocock, 48, claims he was not told of the decision and that Harry Brind, a TCCB inspector, and Mike Corley, a consultant, were brought in to oversee the work. He says he was told by Tony Lemons, the university's director of physical education, to accept a job in the indoor sports complex, looking after synthetic pitches.

He became depressed and went on sick leave. He never went back to work and in April last year retired on health grounds. He has not had a job since. Mr Pocock is claiming constructive dismissal at the tribunal hearing in Bedford, saying he was "edged" out of his job.

Mr Pocock said yesterday: "Mr Lemons gave me the impression he wanted control of Fenner's. He wanted me out. I felt upset to see the wickets, which I had looked after for 30 years, relaid without my assistance. I loved my job as head groundsman. My life revolved around it. I had anticipated that it would be a job for life."

He claimed the problems in 1994 were caused by the wet start to the season. He watered the pitch five days before the New Zealand game, but then had to put covers on "because the weather was so dreadful". "It would not dry out. There was nothing I could have done to prevent that," he said.

He attributed his ill health to anxiety and unhappiness at work, saying: "Until the summer of 1994, my health had been good."

Ingrid Simla, for Mr Pocock, told the hearing: "They decided to use Mr Pocock as a scapegoat. They went to outside consultants and they effectively stepped over him."

Cambridge is contesting the claim, saying there was no intention to push Mr Pocock out. Dr Andrew Cosh, senior bursar of Queen's College and a member of the Fenner's management committee, said that the university's first-class status was in jeopardy because of the way Mr Pocock had prepared the pitches. After he left the quality "was enormously better".

The pitches at Fenner's were mentioned in the 1995 edition of *Wisden*. The entry read: "Much has been made of the declining standard of pitches at Fenner's but this was arrested in 1994, with the promise of further improvement following the decision to relay the entire square bit by bit, starting in the winter of 1994-95. The wet weather did not help Tony Pocock."

The hearing continues today.

Tony Pocock working on the relaying at Fenner's, where he started as an apprentice at the age of 16

Boy whose arm was torn off by chimp sues zoo

By Adrian Lee

A YOUNG boy whose arm was torn off by a chimpanzee, leaving a three-inch stump, began a claim for £200,000 compensation yesterday against a zoo.

Matthew McDaid, who is ten next week, was on a family visit to Port Lympne Zoo at Hythe, Kent, six years ago when a chimpanzee called Bustah reached out of its cage.

Matthew's left arm was grabbed between the bars and torn off just below the shoulder. The animal brandished the severed limb at keepers who tried to retrieve it.

The arm could not be reattached and because the remaining stump is so short Matthew cannot, at present, be fitted with a permanent false limb. The zoo, one of two in Kent owned by John Aspinall, 70, does not deny liability but disputes the level of compensation for the boy's future care and loss of amenity.

Matthew's mother Frances, of Eltham, southeast London, said her son was determined to be independent but struggled with everyday tasks and activities, including dressing, eating and playing sports.

Simon Michael, for Matthew, said the boy would need a further two or three operations if he was to have a permanent false arm fitted. There were no guarantees the operations would be a success.

Matthew was a "fiercely determined young man" who played the cello using a temporary false arm that could be fitted over his clothes, Mr Michael said. He found it heavy and troublesome but "he is determined to be as independent as he can".

Mrs McDaid, who works part-time in a department store, had described how her son battled to cope. Simple chores such as washing, brushing his teeth, buttoning his shirt, unzipping his trousers and cutting food were either impossible or took many minutes.

Matthew, who will not give evidence, sat at the back of the court writing in a book as his parents gave evidence at the High Court. So far he has received £8,250 in interim payments, while his parents were awarded £11,000 in a separate case, in 1993, for damages and shock.

The hearing continues.

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Father says poor malaria advice led to daughter's death

By Joanna Bale and Tim Jones

A FORMER adviser to Margaret Thatcher has called for more information to be given to travellers on the dangers of malaria after his daughter died of the disease.

Dr Caroline Fraser, 40, died after a contracting malaria on holiday in South Africa. After an inquest into her death yesterday, her father, Sir Angus Fraser, claimed that she had not been given enough advice. He said: "From what I have heard in court I feel she should have got more."

Caroline Fraser: given conflicting warnings

Dr Fraser, a physics lecturer at Christ Church, Oxford, died three weeks after returning from South Africa in January this year. She was found dead in her bed at Christ Church on January 29. A post-mortem examination showed that she had died of malaria. Her travelling companion, Bridget Townsend, told the inquest that the travel agency advised them about vaccinations and precautions. They also consulted their GPs.

Miss Townsend said they had received conflicting advice about malaria tablets and did not buy any until they arrived in South Africa on December 15. They travelled all over the country, spending most of the trip camping, but did not have mosquito nets.

Miss Townsend said: "It was a ritual to cover ourselves in mosquito repellent and to take our tablets. We were both bitten, but Caroline was bitten more than me." She said that they took the recommended dose and never forgot to take the tablets. Miss Townsend said: "We got back on January 7 and I continued taking the tablets for two weeks. Caroline was taking her tablets up to January 19." Miss Townsend said that Dr Fraser stopped taking the tablets before she had. She said: "Caroline said she had finished with them, but it was said in a way that meant 'don't nag me'."

Dr Fraser telephoned Miss Townsend to say she felt ill. "Caroline said it was flu-like and she felt delirious," Miss Townsend said.

Nurse Frances Fairweather, told the inquest that Dr Fraser came to see her at the college on January 25. "She said she had been feeling unwell for three days. She said her limbs ached and she felt fluey. I took her temperature and checked her throat, but saw no signs of infection. I suggested that she went to bed and I gave her pain killers. She did not mention she had been abroad." Four days later Nurse Fairweather went to check on her and found her dead in bed.

The court also heard a statement from Dr Ken Worthy-Browne, of the Jericho Medical Centre in Oxford. He said he had innoculated Dr Fraser and advised her on malaria tablets. At this point, Sir Angus asked for more details on the advice his daughter had been given but as the doctor was abroad, the coroner, Nicholas Gardiner, said that no further details were available.

Professor David Warrell of the centre for tropical medicine at the John Radcliffe Hospital, Oxford, told the inquest that over the past few decades malaria had been well controlled, but this year, because of heavy rain, the number of victims had dramatically increased. He said: "There have been 100 malaria deaths this year in South Africa."

He advised people to take the tablets for one week before going on holiday and four weeks after returning. He said travellers should always wear repellent and use mosquito nets. He admitted that the most commonly used malaria tablets were not as effective as they used to be because mosqitoes had built up resistance over the years.

He said there were more effective drugs but they had severe side effects. Mr Gardiner recorded a verdict of death by natural causes. Afterwards, Dr Fraser's brother Simon, 32, said: "There must be ways to make clear to people travelling abroad what they should and should not be doing."

Drugs increasingly fail to provide protection

By Jeremy Laurance

CASES of the severest kind of malaria have risen sharply in the past decade and there has been a dramatic increase in cases where drugs have failed to provide protection. A growing number of travellers to exotic climes fail to follow advice on protection and are now dicing with death.

Last year more than 2,000 people who visited malarial zones developed the disease after returning to Britain and five died. The year before there was a similar number of cases and 11 deaths.

All the deaths were caused by *plasmodium falciparum*, a parasite that causes a malignant form of malaria with a death rate of 20 per cent if left untreated. The parasite accounts for more than half the cases in Britain and it is resistant to standard treatment with chloroquine.

Dr Ron Behrens, director of the travel clinic at the Hospital for Tropical Diseases in London, said: "West Africa is by far the highest risk area. But central Africa and parts of Tanzania are also risky. We have just had our first South African death."

In many places the risks depend on the state of hygiene services and investment in mosquito control. People travelling to high risk areas are advised to take mefloquine (brand name: Lariam) but this is now the subject of review by the Malaria Study Group after reports that users have experienced psychological side effects, including depression and nightmares.

Dr Behrens said: "I do recommend mefloquine but it all depends on the risk of disease. Where it is high you have got to take an agent that is effective even though there is a risk of a reaction. It is a question of balance."

No anti-malarial drug is totally effective. A report in the *Lancet* said that the average time for malaria to become manifest after a return from an overseas holiday, and when the prophylaxis has been ineffective, is about 14 days for those taking chloroquine and paludrine and 44 days for those taking mefloquine.

ANDRE CAMARA

Opening scene: Fanny Ardent and Judith Godreche launch their film *Ridicule*, the first of the festival, but the press pack was desperately seeking Madonna

Absent Madonna with child steals show at Cannes

By Dalya Alberge, Arts Correspondent, in Cannes

HAVING spent years securing a berth as the brassy blonde who would overstep any mark and grab any photo-opportunity to hog the headlines, Madonna made herself the focus of attention in Cannes yesterday by being nowhere to be seen.

Photographers are waiting for her expected first public outing since last month's announcement that she is with child. At the film industry's festival, where almost everyone wants to be seen, only the biggest names can play around with invisibility.

The festival started formally last night, with the launch of a film appropriately named *Ridicule*. Out of 4,000 journalists in town, most seemed more interested in combing the French Riviera for the singer-cum-actress. If they can't get a sighting of her, they will settle for Dustin Hoffman or Catherine Deneuve.

Some things never change. The grand hotels that hug the curve of the Croisette are teeming with writers, financiers and hangers-on, all talking about more movies than will ever make it to the screen. The beautiful people are indulging in shameless eye-to-eye contact with the useful people. Producers, directors and deal-makers are accompanied by stunning girls who may not always have chosen these men for their looks. Meeting the *right* people is the trick. One man found his way into the hotel room of Nicolas Cage and Patricia Arquette: discovering him under their bed, they screamed. He ran off.

Starlets still go knocking at producer's hotel-room doors. As casting does not always demand acting skill, the technique sometimes works. However, fear of Aids is believed to have made the festival's social activities more restrained. One observer recalled: "Girls used to be dressed in evening clothes when they came out of hotels in the morning. You don't see that as much now."

With more than 600 films at this 49th festival, competition is fierce and a launch party can make all the difference in being noticed or ignored. Miramax, a subsidiary of Disney, is liaising with Polygram, a British company, in throwing a bash for *Trainspotting*, the drama set among drug-takers in Edinburgh. Up to 1,200 guests will party until 6am.

Another party is for *Fargo*, by the American Coen brothers, Joel and Ethan. As the film is set in a snow-covered landscape, artificial snow will be laid down at a French villa.

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BBC puts a price on era of digital television

By Alexandra Frean
Media Correspondent

THE BBC promised a new range of programming yesterday for viewers prepared to invest in digital sets and decoder boxes. The service will include a 24-hour news channel and an interactive learning service.

To encourage consumers to switch to digital receivers, John Birt, the BBC's Director-General, pledged that its first digital channels, many in cinema-style widescreen formats, would be available free from 1998.

"Within the next ten years households could have a choice of many hundreds of channels," Mr Birt said. "Individuals will have access to a cross between a television and a personal computer with a large, flat screen on the wall, just a few inches thick, showing brilliant high-quality pictures, with CD-quality surround sound."

The BBC's first digital service will be a 24-hour news channel. The corporation will also broadcast digital "side channels" at different times of the day to accompany its other programming. An episode of *Pride and Prejudice* on BBC1, for example, could be followed on a side channel by an *Omnibus* programme on Jane Austen.

The side channels will also be used extensively by the BBC's education department, particularly for interactive services, and for regional programming.

To receive digital services, viewers will need a set-top box, initially costing up to £600, or a new television set costing about £2,000. Mr Birt said that equipment costs were expected to fall as demand grew.

Mr Birt added that the new services would cost about £200 million to launch, funded by efficiency savings and by profits from the corporation's commercial activities. The BBC, which has an annual budget of £1.8 billion, has already reduced its unit costs by 30 per cent during the past four years. "We think it is possible to release something like 15 to 20 per cent," he said. The introduction of digital equipment and programme-makers who research, shoot and edit their own shows are expected to involve significant job losses.

The BBC also intends to explore drawing in private sector money to fund the huge capital investment that will be needed. The BBC's trading arm is seeking Treasury permission to operate a commercially run borrowing regime.

Sir Christopher Bland, the BBC's new chairman, admitted that the BBC's digital services would have to "piggy back" on the hundreds of new digital satellite channels, announced earlier this week by BSkyB, which is 40 per cent owned by News International, the owner of *The Times*. "The real drivers behind the consumer take-up of digital television will be the kind of movie and sports channels offered by Sky," he said. Sir Christopher said that the BBC would be considering all means of distributing its digital services, through roof-top ariels, satellite dishes or cable.

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ADJUSTMENTS TO YOUR SET

Digital television and radio will mean more channels providing better picture and sound.

The BBC will "simulcast" BBCs 1 and 2 on its digital frequencies in widescreeen format, using near CD-quality sound. For the foreseeable future, both channels will still be available to people with "old" analogue television sets, but within ten years the Government is expected to switch off all analogue services and sell off the spectrum space they occupy.

ITV, Channel 4 and Channel 5 will be simulcast in the digital format too, although none of these has advanced its plans as far as the BBC.

New providers, offering paid-for channels, are also expected to enter the digital market. Eventually, the BBC will have subscription channels, drawing on its extensive archive.

SIMON WALKER

Tenneh Cole with Caroline and Mark Cook, who arranged for her to be flown to Britain from Sierra Leone

Girl may have to live with bullet in brain

By Jeremy Laurance

THE five-year-old African girl with a bullet in her brain who flew into Britain yesterday for treatment may have to live with it for the rest of her life, doctors said.

Tenneh Cole was shot in the head 16 months ago during the civil war in Sierra Leone. She was hit by a stray bullet after her own parents had been killed. Tenneh survived a 250-mile journey through the bush to Freetown, the country's capital, where Colonel Mark Cook and his wife Caroline, who run an orphanage, arranged for her to be flown to Britain so she could be properly assessed. She is thought to be deaf and has lost much of her sight because of her injury.

Geoffrey Cheney, consultant maxillofacial surgeon at the Norfolk and Norwich Hospital where Tenneh was taken from Heathrow, said: "I hesitate to say we are going to operate because we may be doing Tenneh a disservice by taking the bullet out." He said it was not uncommon for people to live normally with debris lodged inside the head.

Doctors may wait until Monday before they begin tests to allow Tenneh to settle into life on the ward.

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No time to lose if meningitis is suspected

MEDICAL BRIEFING

The case of James Hoccom, 15, and his death from meningococcal septicaemia, emphasises the message that the antibiotic benzyl penicillin should be given immediately, by injection, as soon as there is any suspicion of meningitis.

Whether the patient is seen at home, in casualty or anywhere else, it is important that crucial time is not wasted in waiting for confirmatory laboratory tests, or the opinion of a specialist.

Dr Richard Whittington, the Birmingham Coroner, returned an open verdict on Wednesday at the inquest on James. He died despite his father's entreaties after it had been decided to delay treatment until he had been transferred to a paediatric unit ten miles from the casualty department where he was being examined.

As Dr Whittington said, nobody can ever be sure whether James would have survived even if he had been given penicillin earlier.

Bill Hoccom, James's father, made his diagnosis of meningococcal septicaemia after using a simple test that has been publicised by the National Meningitis Trust. The spots in meningococcal septicaemia are caused by bleeding into the skin. Initially the petechiae, the technical name for the spots, are dark red and only of pin-head size so that careful examination may be needed to find them. Only later do they extend to purplish port-coloured blotches.

As the rash is a result of a bleed into the skin, they do not go white like most spots when pressed under a glass or lens and this was the test that reinforced Mr Hoccom's opinion that his son had meningitis.

Ray Thompson, of the National Meningitis Trust, said: "Although this test is a very useful one, we don't emphasise it too much as it is a sign of septicaemia. Unfortunately septicaemia doesn't always occur in meningococcal meningitis. When there is a suspicion of a meningococcal infection, we don't want parents to wait for a rash to develop before getting an expert opinion. "As James Hoccom's case has shown, one of the best diagnostic pointers to meningitis is the parents' suspicion. They, and doctors, should be guided by parental instinct."

Meningitis may present differently in a baby, as was illustrated by the case of 18-month-old Ralph Sutcliffe four years ago. Ralph was the child whose death instigated the formation of the Ralph Sutcliffe Foundation for Meningitis Research.

Ralph was taken ill at bedtime, although he had had a poor appetite throughout the previous day. At about six in the evening he went suddenly limp. His mother described him "as floppy as a rag doll". His complexion was grey and his extremities white and cold, although his neck felt hot. He could not sit upright, had trembling limbs and the joints seemed stiff. His eyes were staring, he was fretful and would not settle to sleep.

He was seen by a doctor as soon as he was taken ill, but the doctor thought that the child was only developing gastroenteritis. However, by 5am the next day, the Sutcliffe parents noticed that he had wine-coloured blotches on his skin. He was admitted to hospital at 6am but died at teatime.

Ralph's case displays many of the danger signs noted by the Meningitis Trust: he had gone off his food, had cold limbs — a sign of shock — he had been sick, was fretful, had a staring expression and was lethargic.

Babies will often have a more obvious fever, even if coupled with cold limbs, a high-pitched cry and a neck held back and they may be sleepy. Adults and older children are often initially diagnosed as having flu, as had happened to James Hoccom, because the symptoms of early meningitis are flu-like. Adults usually complain of a fever, headache, stiff neck, a dislike of light, vomiting, joint pains and drowsiness and may even have a fit.

Dr Thomas Stuttaford

CORRECTIONS

☐ A report (May 8) that the three Deputy Speakers of the House of Commons, Michael Morris, Sir Geoffrey Lofthouse and Dame Janet Fookes, receive income from Parliamentary panels should have made clear that none of them personally benefits as all money is paid directly to charity and nothing passes through their hands. We apologise to the Deputy Speakers for the omission.

☐ Peter Nicholls MP asks us to make clear that his call last year in the House of Commons for MPs' salaries to be increased to £126,000, referred to in a report yesterday, was designed solely to draw attention to what he regarded as the excessive salary of the Parliamentary Commissioner for Standards, and not to increase MPs' pay to that amount.

☐ Lord St John of Fawsley remains chairman of the Royal Fine Art Commission, having been reappointed for a further three-year term (report, yesterday).

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How the fear of defeat led to Tory housing scandal

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THIS week is the tenth anniversary of the local government elections which threw the ruling Tory party in Westminster, and Dame Shirley Porter in particular, into turmoil.

In 1986 the Conservatives on Westminster City Council came within 100 votes of losing four marginal wards, which would have given control to Labour. Defeat would have been a political disaster not only for the ruling group but also for Margaret Thatcher, who regarded Dame Shirley and her regime as a shining, radical example.

Westminster represented the praetorian guard of Thatcherism outside the House of Commons. Dame Shirley, naturally combative, contemplated the "nightmare idea" of Labour control and determined that the Tories should never come so close to defeat again. How she set about achieving that aim is detailed in the 2,000-page report by Westminster's appointed auditor, John Magill.

Designated house sales

Mr Magill's investigation was launched after BBC's *Panorama* exposed the council's plans to turn eight wards — Bayswater, Cavendish, Hamilton Terrace, Little Venice, Millbank, St James's, Victoria and West End — from Labour marginals into Tory strongholds by selling vacant council houses, encouraging home ownership and expelling the homeless. Mr Magill concludes that this amounted to gerrymandering, "which is a disgraceful and improper purpose".

Strictly speaking, gerrymandering means rigging electoral boundaries to improve one's own party's chances of election. It is derived from the case of Elbridge Gerry, a 19th-century governor of Massachusetts, who created a congressional district in the shape of a salamander.

Mr Magill concentrated his inquiry on the events surrounding a decision taken on July 8, 1987, when the council's housing committee resolved to expand the designated sales programme by earmarking for sale a further 9,360 properties, about half the council's housing stock. This was expected to produce 500 extra sales a year.

Whenever a property on the designated list became empty it would not be relet to the homeless or others in housing need, but would be put up for sale. The policy was targeted on the eight wards. The committee also decided to introduce a scheme to seduce tenants into moving out and buying their own homes through a system of grants, in effect offering them £15,000 to move out.

Mr Magill sifted evidence that the policy was part of a wider plan to achieve precise electoral targets for the eight wards, under the cover name of "Building Stable Communities". A document called *BSC Campaign — Plan for Action*, agreed at a secret strategy weekend in September 1987, outlined the policy to shift the homeless outside Westminster, foster high-cost housing in the eight wards and close hostels for the homeless.

Mr Magill states that the policy to "achieve electoral advantage in eight marginal wards" was devised by Dame Shirley and a handful of others and that "smokescreens" were erected to hide their actions. Euphemisms were adopted, such as "new electors" and "new residents", to disguise the policy.

Delay and obstruction

Mr Magill said that his investigations were hampered by the wilful shredding of documents. He criticises Dame Shirley for destroying important papers known to be in her possession in July 1989.

There was delay by the council in locating and handing over documents, and many people he wanted to interview offered "inaccurate and, in some cases, misleading information."

The auditor's summary

Dame Shirley and her council exercised their power to dispose of council properties unlawfully and the housing committee, in particular, misdirected itself in law. The council failed to carry out its duty under the 1985 Housing Act to give reasonable preference to the needy and homeless.

Mr Magill concluded that the decision to increase designated sales in the eight wards was simply a means to boost Tory support. The decisions to increase sales and begin a scheme of capital grants were "unlawful, unauthorised and to the detriment of the interest of local taxpayers".

He says the strategy was instigated, promoted and supported by Dame Shirley, who then sought to cover up her role. Her evidence was "evasive, false and misleading". Either she knew "it was unlawful and wrong for the council to exercise its powers to secure electoral advantage", or she was "at least recklessly indifferent as to whether it was right or wrong".

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Dame Shirley Porter has always considered herself *the real handbag-holder of* true-blue Tory politics. Even Baroness Thatcher pales in comparison to the flamboyant former leader of Westminster City Council.

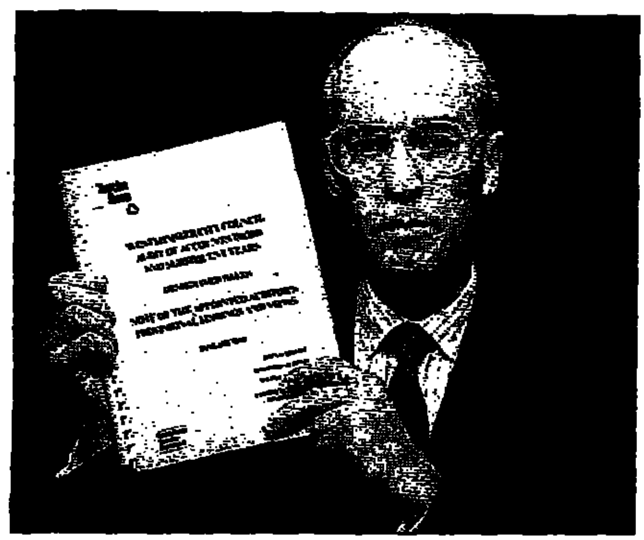
Dame Shirley, left, outstripped Downing Street with her obsession with privatisation and publicity. She once led a camel to County Hall in London, *ruled* by Ken Livingstone, her greatest enemy, to protest about high rate precepts "capable of breaking the camel's back". She dressed *as a Red Indian squaw in a* crusade against litter. Yesterday, she reacted with *defiant aplomb to the district* auditor's report. She will always consider herself right, according to former aides, who mock her claim *that* she is "a *shy* and retiring, lovely person underneath". In times of trouble she is known to sing her favourite song, *Smile Though Your Heart is Breaking*.

***Dame Shirley* was born in 1930 in Clapton, east London, the daughter of a Jewish grocer, Jack Cohen, who went on to build the *mighty Tesco chain on the* "pile it high, sell it cheap" philosophy.**

***She and her husband* Sir Leslie Porter, chairman of Tesco from 1973 to 1985, are believed to control several million shares worth at least *£56 million. The couple,* who now live in Israel, ranked 254th in the latest *Sunday Times* list of Britain's richest 500.**

Money* has not always been an obvious concern, however. *She once allowed* three Westminster cemeteries to be sold for 15p to property *speculators.* They were subsequently resold *for £1.2 million.

Painstaking accountant who pursued the truth with dogged determination



JOHN MAGILL is an accountant by *training* and instinct who has been drawn to the centre of the political stage by his *passion for detail. In the 27 years since he qualified,* he has built a reputation as a meticulous investigator, never happier than when sifting quietly through columns of figures and facts to track down the truth.

His seven-year inquiry into Westminster's alleged homes-for-votes policy has thrust him unwillingly into the limelight. Dame Shirley Porter and her colleagues see him as *conducting a witch-hunt. The objectors see him as mounting* a crusade for the homeless.

He gave a press conference in 1994 to announce his provisional findings — that there had been gerrymandering and improper conduct. Having been severely *criticised* for going public *before* he *had heard all the evidence,* he decided not to speak yesterday. Since 1989 he has worked almost *full-time on* the Westminster case. He is a *senior* partner in Deloitte & Touche, which was paid £275 an hour. He has conducted 135 interviews with 50 different people.

DAVID WEEKS, a council member since 1974, was *among Dame Shirley Porter's* closest confidants and succeeded her as council leader in 1991. Successively chairman of the housing, finance and planning committees, he knew intimately the main policy *areas involved in the designat*ed homes sales. The report says he knew "it was unlawful and wrong for the council to exercise its powers to secure electoral advantage for any political party or to gerrymander … He lied as to the purpose of the policy." He is still a member of the council.

PETER HARTLEY was elected in 1978 and became *chairman of the housing* committee in 1986. He was in charge of the committee for most of the period investigated, resigning from council membership in February 1988. The report says that he *tried to deceive committee* members by "cosmetic" adjustments to the designated housing sales list. According to the auditor, Mr Hartley "did not act reasonably or in the belief that any expendi*ture resulting from the deci*sions of the housing committee was authorised by law".

BILL PHILLIPS, managing director of the council between *1987 and 1991, was a civil* servant for eight years before switching to local government in 1979 as assistant county council secretary in Kent. He joined Westminster as head of policy in 1986 and was pro*moted to the top job within a* year. He resigned in 1991 and now runs a recruitment agency. The report says the evidence proved he was aware of the political objective in the homes-for-votes policy. "He gave "evasive, *false and mis*leading evidence" and "lied as to the purpose of the policy".

PAUL HAYLER was assistant director of housing in *the period investigated by the* auditor and was transferred *to the chief executive's* department after he was named in the 1994 report. The auditor says he was fully aware that there was no housing man*agement reason for pushing* sales in marginal wards. Although he knew it was "unlawful and wrong for the council to exercise its powers or expend its resources to secure electoral advantage *for any political party or to* gerrymander", he helped to put up smokescreens.

GRAHAM ENGLAND was director of housing through*out the period investigated by* the auditor and his careful notes of meetings about the designated sales policy were a crucial part of the evidence. The auditor found that he wrote "blunt notes", warning *Dame Shirley Porter that the* policy was wrong. He also, however, "assisted the unlawful objective" of improving the electoral objectives of the Tory group leaders. This action included giving misleading *evidence* to the QC advising the council on the legality of the policy.

BARRY LEGG was elected to the council in 1978 and was *chairman of the financial* management and personnel sub-committee from 1986 to 1990 and a member of Dame Shirley Porter's inner circle. He became MP for Milton Keynes South West in 1992. *He is a founder member of* Conservative Way Forward and a member of the Bow Group. The report concluded that although he was aware that the sales policy was improper, there was not *enough evidence to show that* he realised he was supposed *to disclose this.*

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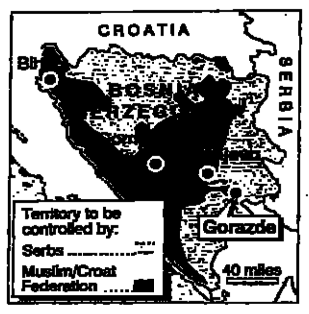
Awards recognise gallantry of Welch Fusiliers in Bosnia

By Michael Evans, Defence Correspondent

Lieutenant-General Rupert Smith, left, Colour Sergeant Peter Humphreys, Lieutenant-Colonel Jonathan Riley and Sergeant David Parry

SOLDIERS from The Royal Welch Fusiliers who fought pitched battles with the Bosnian Serbs and were later held hostage monopolise this year's Armed Forces' gallantry awards, announced yesterday.

Eighteen members of the battalion have been given awards for gallant and distinguished service in the former Yugoslavia, including three Military Crosses and one Conspicuous Gallantry Cross, only the second time that medal has been awarded since it was introduced in 1993. Army sources said that in terms of "quality of awards", it represented the most significant number of medals given to a single battalion since the Second World War.



Lieutenant Hugh Nightingale, 25, a platoon commander in A Company, was awarded the Military Cross. His first serious clash with Serb soldiers was on May 11 last year when he and his men came under heavy fire while he was leading a patrol to observe the ceasefire line north of Gorazde, eastern Bosnia. "The hail of bullets was so fierce that the walls of the empty house which the patrol was occupying at the time began to disintegrate," the MoD said.

Lieutenant Nightingale, who is single and comes from Sheffield, crawled forward with one of his men to engage the Serb positions and direct fire. He then gave orders to withdraw to a safe location under the cover of smoke.

The platoon fired nearly 1,000 rounds of ammunition in about 15 minutes. "His prompt action and clear and effective orders ensured that his patrol was extracted safely in the face of a heavy weight of fire and in extreme danger," the MoD said.

He and 24 other members of his company were taken hostage on May 28 when the Serbs attacked British UN observation posts outside Gorazde. The MoD said: "He took command of the hostages and exercised strong and effective leadership."

When the men were released after two and a half weeks, he admitted that he had once feared the Serbs were going to kill him. He said: "I thought, 'Shallow grave time, here we go'."

Sergeant David Parry, 29, a section commander with The Royal Welch Fusiliers in the rank of corporal, was awarded a Military Cross for his leadership after his observation post was overrun by more than 35 Serbs. Sergeant Parry, married and from Llanidloes in Powys, eventually succeeded in persuading the Serbs to move his men to a more protected position and withdrew while being fired on by Muslim mortars and machineguns. They were then held hostage by the Serbs for seven days, during which time "he remained cool and provided outstanding leadership".

The Conspicuous Gallantry Cross, which can be awarded to all ranks and was announced by the Government as part of John Major's attempt to bring equality to the awards system, was given to Colour Sergeant Peter Humphreys, 34, a platoon sergeant in B Company at Gorazde. In April and May the anti-sniping patrol of Saxon armoured vehicles he commanded fought off attacks from Serb machineguns.

On the second occasion he formed his vehicles into a shield to protect an aid convoy that arrived in Gorazde just in time for a woman to give birth. Sergeant Humphreys is married and from Caernarvon in Gwynedd.

The battalion's honours total while serving in Gorazde comprised one Distinguished Service Order, awarded to Lieutenant-Colonel Jonathan Riley, the commanding officer; one Conspicuous Gallantry Cross, three Military Crosses, seven Mentioned in Dispatches, two Queen's Commendations for Valuable Service and two MBEs.

Others decorated included Flight Lieutenant Andrew Hall, an RAF officer serving in Sarajevo as a UN military observer who was held captive by the Serbs for 20 days. He has been appointed MBE.

Lieutenant-General Sir Rupert Smith, commander of the 27,000-man UN Protection Force (Unprofor) in Bosnia, has been awarded a Bar to his DSO for his outstanding leadership throughout 1995. He was the "author" of the Nato air campaign that led directly to a ceasefire agreement and the subsequent Dayton peace accord. He won his first DSO in the Gulf War. The award of a Bar to a DSO has not been given since 1965, when it was awarded to Major-General Walter Walker, director of operations in Borneo.

Lieutenant-Colonel Riley won the DSO for his inspirational leadership during the most dangerous assignment any British unit has had to face in Bosnia. The Serbs were attacking Gorazde daily with shells and mortar fire. He said yesterday: "The DSO may have been awarded to me but it was won by The Royal Welch Fusiliers. These awards will be pinned to individuals but they were won by the whole regiment."

He said the regiment would celebrate in style when the Queen, who is the regiment's Colonel-in-Chief, presents new colours later this month.

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Delays damage defence projects

By Michael Evans

INCREASING technical difficulties have led to costly delays in completing key defence equipment projects, the National Audit Office said yesterday. Fifty per cent of weapon systems entered service below the required performance level.

In the first inquiry of its kind, the NAO examined 28 projects that had started full development since 1985 to see how the Ministry of Defence coped with the high technical risk involved in producing advanced weapon systems.

Half the projects suffered delays, averaging about 11 months, which meant that frontline forces had to make do with older equipment for longer than planned. This also led to increased costs because of the extra maintenance required. Although the MoD carried out a risk assessment programme on all weapon systems, it failed to predict more than 60 per cent of the technical difficulties that emerged.

The Royal Navy's EH101 Merlin helicopter project suffered a 29-month delay during development because of technical trouble. This forced the Navy to extend the service of the existing, less capable Sea King helicopters.

Costs of the Navy's vertical launch Seawolf missile system rose by £80 million because of an original "imprecise technical specification" and an underestimate of the work involved.

In another case, the radar fitted to destroyers and frigates, which first entered service in 1989, had problems with the antenna and tracking system. The NAO said the radar was unlikely to reach its full potential until ten years after it first entered service.

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The man whose pot of gold could save millions of lives

■ The margarine Benecol has been shown to reduce cholesterol levels and could cut the risk of heart attacks by a third. Bill Frost reports from Finland on growing demand for the miracle spread

THE normally sedate shoppers of Finland jostled and pushed yesterday to lay their hands on a margarine they fervently believe guarantees a longer and healthier life.

The so-called marvel spread, Benecol, which is not yet available outside Finland, has already attracted astonishing interest from international investors, who see gold in every tub. A single case had been delivered at lunchtime to a hypermarket near the factory at Raisio, the town 120 miles from Helsinki where the product is made. Within minutes the shelves had been cleared.

Veli-pekka Nummelin, an assistant manager, shook his head sadly as the last tub disappeared into a trolley. "There has been nothing like this before," he said. "We have had to ration supplies to two tubs per person."

The product does not come cheaply, at the equivalent of £3.50 for a 250-gram pack. However, the benefits, verified by authoritative medical research, are compelling. Daily consumption of 25g reduces the total amount of cholesterol in the blood stream by 10 per cent and the level of the more harmful LDL cholesterol by 14 per cent. Eating the spread regularly could cut the risk of a heart attack by a third.

Before Benecol burst on to the market in November, Raisio was known as the only road junction in Finland with the nerve to call itself a town. Now busloads of schoolchildren and limousines full of international investors converge on the plant to be shown how the spread is made.

Annual turnover was £550 million last year and is certain to rise sharply in 1996. The company has plants in ten countries, from Canada to Indonesia. Products include foodstuffs, animal feed and malt for the Scotch whisky industry. However, "foodaceuticals" such as Benecol seem likely to be the new growth area. Over lunch, Kari Jokinen, the general manager of Raisio's margarine division, beamed as his executives covered their bread with the spread. "Eating Benecol is a cheap form of health insurance," said one dutifully.

In the plant, the spread's inventor, Ingmar Wester, watched as the tubs rolled off the production line. "My work is not over yet. This project is like a newborn baby who needs a lot of care," he said.

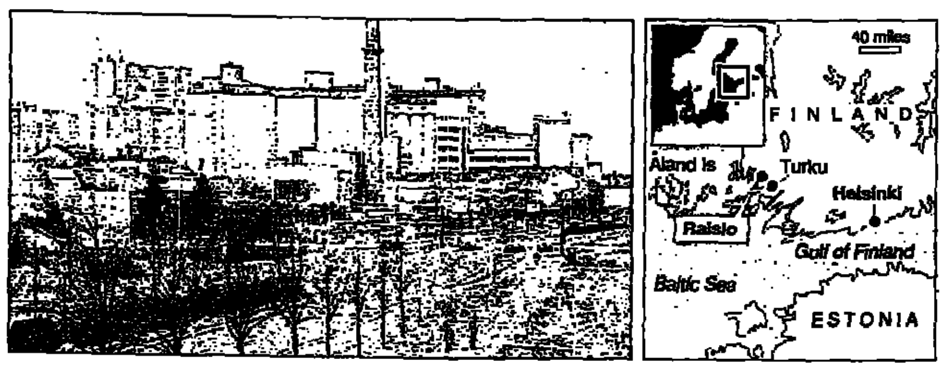
Mr Wester spent seven years working to introduce plant sterols — which block cholesterol absorption — into mass food production. After the success of Benecol he is planning to spread his wings a little further. "Margarine is just one possible way of administering plant sterols. We are also now looking at chocolate bars, ice-cream and mayonnaise."

As inventors go he seems remarkably young. But at 37 Mr Wester has scaled heights of which his rivals can only dream. He gives the impression of being a schoolboy having a spot of fun in the laboratory. He is no "health fascist", either. "Of course I enjoy a drink, most people do. But there is no reason why keeping healthy should be hard work. That's where functional foods — foodaceuticals — come in."

Mr Wester has no fears that competitors will catch up. "We have already secured patents in the United States and Canada and are applying to cover the rest of the world. Even if some rival company started to develop a similar product it would take them years to reach our stage."

Raisio is planning an export campaign throughout Europe. However, until a new production plant is completed at the end of the year, satisfying domestic consumers is the highest priority. Mr Wester believes Britain to be "very promising". Germany and France present more of a challenge. "The French don't really touch anything but butter and the Germans are very fond of fatty foods."

Back at the supermarket, Mr Nummelin pleads with the man from Raisio for another delivery of Benecol, while a couple in pink shell-suits gaze in disappointment at the empty shelves. "I would be happy with just four cases — please," Mr Nummelin begs. "Well, just one then," he adds sadly.



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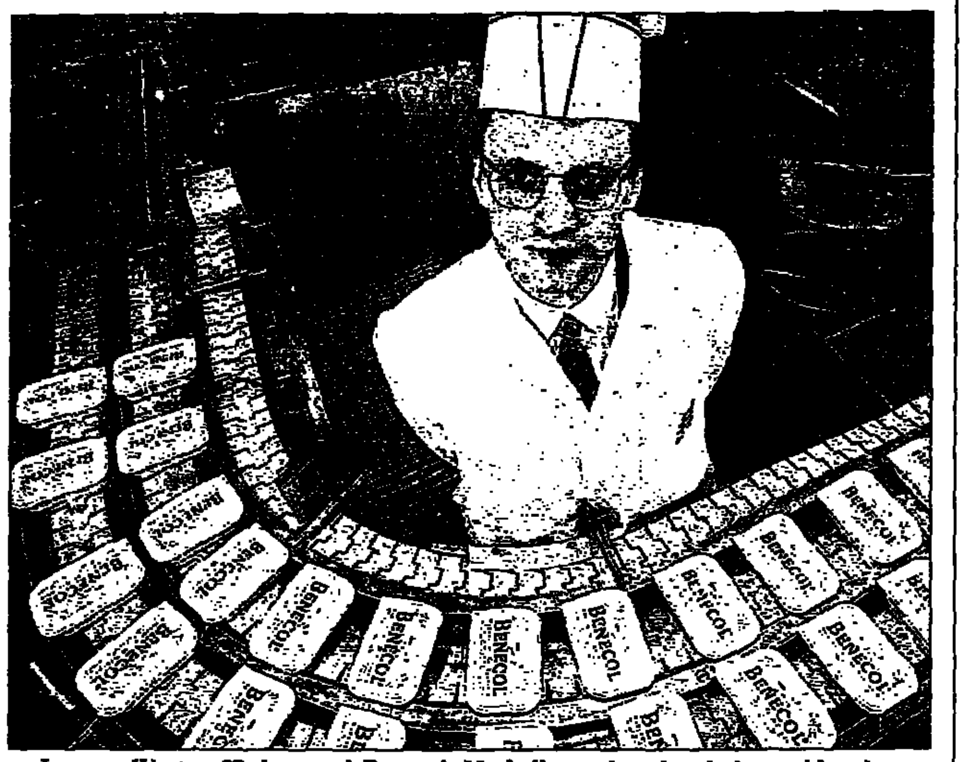

Ingmar Wester, 37, invented Benecol. He believes that the cholesterol-busting process can be extended to chocolate and ice-cream. Photographs: Martin Beddall

Spinach demand strengthened by Popeye's return

WEEKEND SHOPPING

A BIG increase in spinach sales is believed to have been caused by re-runs of Popeye cartoons on television, supermarkets say. Children are thought to be the driving force behind the 100 per cent jump in demand for spinach that has been seen for the second consecutive year.

At first 250g packs were most popular, but now the previously unfashionable vegetable is being sought in greater amounts. Tesco, which imports from all over the world to maintain year-round supplies, expects spinach to be one of its biggest-selling products in future.

Announced promotions:

Asda: family chicken £4.99 for 2.268 kg, beef topside/silverside with added fat £5.37 kg, beef frying steak £4.38 a kg, oranges with juicer 99p for ten, new potatoes 59p for 2.5kg, selected San Marco pizzas £1.69 each, carnation bouquet £2.99.

Budgens: Lincolnshire pork sausages 99p for 454g, fresh plaice fillets £6.49 a kg, Galia melons £1.29 each, Saluté giant salad £1.09 for 350g, Mullerlight yoghurt 29p.

Co-op: fresh pork spare-rib chops £2.69 a kg, large barn eggs 85p for six, round gammon steaks £1.19 for two, Birds Eye crispy crumb cod steaks £2.39 for six, Anchor extra mature cheddar £4.65 a kg.

Harrods: Bindone salami £1.99 for 100g, Prosciutto San Daniele £3.49 for 100g, avocado with lobster claw £5.45 each, Little Ruding cheeses £4.15 each, extra large English cucumbers 89p each.

Iceland: breaded cod fillets £1.99 for 600g, economy lamb £3.49 for 1.19 kg, Birds Eye fish fingers £1.69 for 16, garden peas £1.69 for 1.8 kg, cauliflower £1.79 for 1.8 kg, mandarin cheesecake £1.49.

Marks & Spencer: New Zealand lamb leg knuckle £4.99 a kg, Caledonian salmon fillets £3.99 for 283g, fresh tomato and basil soup 99p for 450g, thin base pizza selection £1.99 for 315g, chocolate eclairs 99p for four, Gala apples £1.39 for six.

Morrisons: cod steaks £4.38 a kg, whole salmon £4.38 a kg, salmon steaks £5.04 a kg, whole trout £2.84 a kg, turkey sausages 95p for 340g, coleslaw 69p for 454g, spring water 35p for 2ltr.

Safeway: chicken Kievs £3.19 for four, British baked ham 59p a ¼ lb, Scottish salmon steaks £2.39 for 283g, frozen chocolate and orange or Black Forest gateau £1.16.

Sainsbury's: boneless chicken breasts £4.29 for 575g, boneless pork leg £3.69 a kg, prepacked large cod fillet £4.30 a kg, tomatoes 89p for eight, Iceberg lettuce 59p, rhubarb 49p a lb, pink grapefruit 29p.

Somerfield: fresh boneless leg of pork £3.08 a kg, topside/top rump/silverside with added fat £4.36 a kg, smoked wafer-thin ham £1.59 for 400g, new potatoes 19p a lb, cherry tomatoes 99p for 227g, pears 39p a lb, white seedless grapes 69p a lb.

Tesco: boneless leg of pork £3.39 a kg, sirloin steak £10.69 a kg, turkey steaks £5.95 a kg, smoked haddock £2.47 a lb, Parma ham £1.99 for 70g, fresh greens £1.21 a pack, toaster crumpets 45p for six, Cornish ice cream £1.44 for 2ltr.

Waitrose: British braising steak £3.99 a kg, turkey prime mince £1.49 for 450g, lemon and pepper chicken £2.79 for 300g, breaded scampi £1.99 for 170g, red Leicester cheese £4.25 for 225g, Swiss style muesli £1.14 for 750g.

ROBIN YOUNG

Firm pulls plug on village's free water

By Robin Young

A VILLAGE on the Isle of Wight has taken on a water company to protect its right to free water.

People in Chillerton whose property was built before 1907 have had their water free for the past 89 years under an agreement drawn up by the local landowner, Sir Charles Seely, and Sandown Urban District Council.

Southern Water is now claiming that changes in legislation have invalidated the Seely agreement and plans to charge the villagers full rates. More than 70 people have contributed to a legal fund to fight the move.

Under the terms of the agreement another 60 homes built in the village since 1907 have been allowed their supply at the old rate of six pence (2½p) per thousand gallons.

A QC has told the villagers that they have a good case, but the Isle of Wight council has advised them to seek arbitration before becoming involved in a lengthy legal wrangle. Roy Westmore, 70, a Conservative councillor on the island whose family has benefited from the free supply for more than 80 years, insists that Southern Water has already gone against the agreement by charging at the full rate householders who should be paying only 2½p per thousand gallons.

Mr Westmore says almost all the householders who should be receiving cheap-rate water have now had meters installed, charging the full rate.

"Southern Water has started craftily nibbling away at the agreement hoping no one would notice but the council's legal officers say the agreement is still valid," he said. "We accept that arbitration is the best way forward. The agreement even has a clause recommending that in case of dispute."

Southern Water's manager on the island, Geoff Morton, said the company accepted that the free water agreement was still in existence but would not comment on the billing of individual properties. He said: "The Chillerton agreement is very complex and involves a number of properties in different ways. We are still waiting for an official approach to discuss arbitration."

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Scottish Tory conference

Forsyth condemns plans for a 'pygmy parliament'

By Andrew Pierce and Gillian Bowditch

MICHAEL FORSYTH, the Scottish Secretary, made a defence of the 300-year-old Union a cornerstone of the Tories' general election campaign yesterday in an attempt to avoid humiliation at the polls.

In a patriotic speech at the opening of his party's Scottish conference, he said only the Tories had the "sacred role" to save Scotland. "It is our birthright to be Scottish. It is our good fortune to be British. It is our duty to be Unionists. We will fight to win."

Tory strategists hope that opposing devolution will be a vote winner in Scotland. They believe that the party's performance there in 1992 was boosted by John Major's staunch defence of the Union.

Mr Forsyth attacked Labour and the Liberal Democrats for their proposed tax-raising Scottish parliament, which he said would cost £75 million in the first year, or £6 a week for each family. "It will destroy the United Kingdom and Scotland's vital services. It would diminish Scotland's influence in Westminster. It is a pygmy parliament."

Mr Forsyth, in an eve-of-conference interview, appeared to be at odds with the Prime Minister when he said that a Scottish parliament, once established, could never be abolished. "The omelette once made cannot be turned back into eggs."

Mr Forsyth has raised the political temperature on the issue by warning voters in Scotland that they could not have a tax-raising parliament on approval and expect a Tory government to abolish it if it became unpopular. But yesterday Mr Major refused to back Mr Forsyth's uncompromising stance. "Parliament is sovereign. Parliament passes its own legislation. Parliament will have to decide whether it could undo it," he told BBC Radio Scotland.

Senior Scottish Tories immediately tried to patch up any suggestions of a split. However, an aide of Mr Forsyth added to the confusion by saying: "There is no way a Scottish parliament could be undone." He said that Mr Major was technically right that Westminster could flex its muscles and scrap the Scottish parliament, but added: "A Tory government at Westminster could also send tanks north of the border to capture a Scottish parliament that has been occupied by the Scottish nationalists. They could do it. But they won't. It's never going to happen."

Labour has accused Mr Forsyth of scaremongering after he gave warning in his speech yesterday that a Labour government would exceed its powers to raise taxes by 3p in the pound. Mr Forsyth, who calls it the tartan tax, said in his speech yesterday: "They say it is capped at 3p in the pound but these are the people who say they don't believe in capping in local government."

Nine Cabinet ministers, including Mr Major, will be flying to Aberdeen for what is the last Scottish Tory conference before the general election. Their theme is fighting for Scotland, which is the most beleaugured part of the Tory empire. The party has ten out of 72 MPs and controls no local authorities.

Mr Forsyth's abrasive campaigning style on the "tartan tax" appears to be working. An ICM opinion poll in *The Scotsman* yesterday showed Tory support to be up one percentage point to 18 per cent and Labour down three points to 45 per cent. The poll also showed that 43 per cent of Labour supporters would be less likely to vote for a party that proposed a 3p tax raising power for a Scottish parliament as opposed to 41 per cent who would be more likely.

John Major, in his BBC interview, said that a devolved Scottish parliament with tax-raising powers would be a "stepping stone that would inevitably lead to a schism within the United Kingdom."

Phantom police force

THE Tory party admitted misleading the public yesterday over the number of police the Government had put back on the beat.

A series of advertisements in the Scottish press entitled "fighting crime" boasted that an extra 19,000 officers had been recruited since 1979. Tory officials, however, conceded that the true figure was only 1,265.

The Scottish Police Federation had circulated a leaflet at the conference that said: "The facts that are than in December 1979 the total numbers of police officers in Scotland was 13,214. In December 1995, it was 14,479. As you can see, the actual increase over 17 years is not 19,000 but 1,265."

An embarrassed Tory official said: "Oh God, it's our fault. It's a typographical error."

By Philip Webster

Cash beats his rivals with all-night sitting

AN ALL-NIGHT vigil by the Tory Euro-sceptic Bill Cash was rewarded yesterday when he won the right to test opinion in the Commons on a referendum on Britain's future in the European Union.

Armed with sandwiches, a flask of tea and a few nips of whisky, the indefatigable Mr Cash parked himself in the waiting room outside the Commons Public Bill Office on Wednesday night to ensure he would be first in the queue at 10am yesterday to secure a slot for a ten-minute rule Bill.

The much-prized position, which enables MPs to raise items of interest at prime time in the Commons, was sought by several MPs, notably Mr Cash's fellow Euro-sceptic Teresa Gorman. But his readiness to stay up all night meant that he could beat his rivals.

He had slept for a few hours and was tucked up on a campbed at 6am when the Liberal MP Alex Carlile arrived, hoping to win a slot for his Bill to cut the number of women jailed for fine defaulting. Mr Carlile, who had been confident of being first, said: "I am fond of Bill but it was not a pretty sight at 6 in the morning. I uttered a moderate expletive, exchanged a few sentences and left, beaten."

At 7am Mr Cash was disturbed again, by Ms Gorman. She was hours too late, but took her defeat well. "Mr Cash has a good track record on leading successful onslaughts on the European issue," she said. "I don't mind who pulls the trigger so long as we have the guns lined up."

The Government, however, is the real loser. Mr Cash is chief co-ordinator of Euro-sceptic tactics on the Tory benches and should get a good turnout for his Bill, to be heard on June 11, which will provide for a "who governs Britain?" referendum.

He said yesterday: "Ours will be a proper referendum, unlike the Government's which is based on the absurd proposal that a Conservative Cabinet can say 'Yes' to a single currency."

Two weeks ago Iain Duncan-Smith, another sceptic, encouraged 66 Tories to back a Bill to curb the European Court. If Mr Cash does anything like as well it will be another graphic reminder of Tory discontent with Brussels.

Heseltine angers party activists over EU beef ban

By Andrew Pierce and Gillian Bowditch

CABINET disagreements on how to end the European Union ban on British beef flared up at the Scottish Tory party conference yesterday.

Michael Heseltine, the Deputy Prime Minister, angered Tory activists meeting in Aberdeen, in the heart of Angus beef country, with his call for Britain to work closely with the EU.

But Michael Forsyth, the Scottish Secretary, cheered the party faithful with a condemnation of the ban, which he said was not justified on health grounds and was driven by a desire to steal Britain's share of the market.

Mr Heseltine adopted a note of appeasement in his speech when he told representatives that the Government had to work with consumers around the world to convince them of the safety of British beef. He made clear that it was not only Europe that enforced a ban. The United States had done so several years earlier. "We will work with our partners to develop the most effective means to achieve this end," he said.

But it was Mr Forsyth, with his strident anti-European tones, who accurately reflected the mood of the conference. He told farmers that the ban on British beef was a "cynical elimination of a formidable competitor from the market".

To rapturous applause, he declared that despite it being Europe day he had no intention of flying the European flag. "I will put the flags out when the European Union lifts the ban on our farmers. I am told that refusing to fly the flag was petty. I can live with that. What I cannot live with is one of our most productive and efficient industries being put on the rack for no good reason.

"I promise the famrers of Scotland that we will stand by you at this difficult time. Not only is it safe, Scottish beef is among the best in the world and we want the market we are entitled to."

The mood from the conference floor was volatile as a succession of farmers spoke of the hardship they had endured. Adam Bruce, prospective parliamentary candidate for North East Fife, described the ban as utterly cynical. "The European export ban on British beef is the most blatant piece of political posturing ever to come out of the Council of Europe. It's unjustified, unprincipled and blatantly illegal."

Helen Gilbert, a farmer from Gordon, told Mr Forsyth that the Government was doing too little. "There are people whose livelihood has been wiped out overnight. We are told the Government is working on our behalf but it's not good enough. These people still don't have jobs. The refrigerated lorries stand idle. We don't want compensation, we want our markets back."

Senior Tory officials began a damage-limitation exercise after the two ministerial speeches. They insisted that the only difference between Mr Heseltine and Mr Forsyth was on style. "It's about tone, not policy. The Cabinet is united," an official said.

Left backs Brown on child benefit

By Jill Sherman, Chief Political Correspondent

GORDON BROWN gained the upper hand in the controversy over his child benefit plans yesterday when he won support from both old and new Labour.

The Shadow Chancellor's proposed scrapping of child benefit for 16 to 18-year-olds, which has been strongly opposed by some Shadow Cabinet members, was also endorsed by Labour's top policymaking committee.

An editorial in the left-wing *Tribune*, which has persistently criticised Tony Blair's attempts to modernise the party, supports Mr Brown's plan to concentrate benefits on the children of poorer families who stay on at school or college. The newspaper says: "Brown is understandably peeved that a mother of a sixth-form Etonian can still receive child benefit." It praises his intention to focus funds on "laudable skills training for deprived youngsters from the inner cities".

Meanwhile the *New Statesman*, a left-of-centre magazine recently taken over by the MP Geoffrey Robinson, an ally of Mr Blair, also lends its support. "Labour is at last starting to face up to the challenge it will face in office to modernise the welfare state," it says. "The beneficiaries should be those in poverty or insecurity, not the majority of us. These principles are wholly consistent with Brown's intent on child benefit."

On Tuesday Labour's joint policy committee, made up of members of the Shadow Cabinet and of the National Executive Committee, also approved the child benefit reforms.

Yesterday Mr Brown said: "We've got 25 per cent youth unemployment in our inner cities, we've got 60 per cent black youth unemployment in central London, and we've got a third of people leaving school without the qualifications necessary to get jobs. We have therefore got a crisis. We have to ensure that more young people stay at school and more young people get qualifications."

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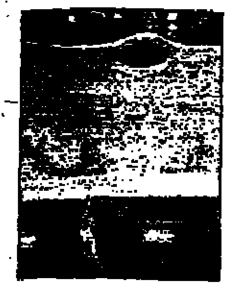

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Polly Peck's bank faces claim for compensation

Forsyth: five-year sentence

By Jon Ashworth

THE joint administrators of Polly Peck International (PPI), the collapsed fruits-to-electronics group, have begun legal proceedings against SBC Warburg over the activities of Elizabeth Forsyth, the former banker jailed for five years for handling £400,000 in stolen funds.

Deloitte & Touche is seeking compensation from the merchant bank for allegedly paying PPI money to Mrs Forsyth, even though she was not a signatory to the PPI account.

The so-called breach of mandate claim coincides with a House of Lords ruling which could release a further £2 million to PPI creditors. Lawyers acting for Deloitte & Touche are understood to have obtained a freezing order over the bulk of the monies lodged in bail for Asil Nadir, the fugitive PPI founder, who fled Britain in May 1993 while awaiting trial on fraud and theft charges. The sum of £2 million plus interest is understood *to be lodged in a client account held* by Mr Nadir's former solicitor.

SBC Warburg was not able to comment last night on the move by Deloitte & Touche, which stems directly from Mrs Forsyth's conviction on two counts of handling stolen funds. During her trial, it was alleged that she had travelled to Switzerland to collect funds transferred to a PPI account with SG Warburg Soditic in Geneva. It is alleged that the bank handed over the money in cash, even though she was not a signatory to the PPI account. She paid the bulk of the funds into a nearby bank for transfer back to the UK, and claimed not to have seen the PPI name on a banking receipt. Deloitte & Touche *is seeking compensation* to the value of £400,000.

Yesterday's House of Lords ruling provided a welcome victory for Ramadan Guney, the Turkish Cypriot businessman who provided £1 *million of Mr Nadir's £3.5 million* bail. The judge presiding over the Nadir hearings, Mr Justice Tucker, did not accept that Mr Nadir had effectively surrendered himself to the court at a preliminary hearing in June 1992, even though he was present at the hearing and pleaded not guilty to the charges put to him.

The judge ruled that Mr Guney should forfeit £650,000 after Mr *Nadir fled Britain for northern* Cyprus. The order was overturned by the Court of Appeal, which held that a surrender to the custody of the court occurred when a defendant on bail attended the court and subjected *himself to its directions*. That ruling was upheld yesterday by five law lords, to the relief of Mr Guney, 66, of Green Lanes, north London.

In his ruling, Lord Steyn said that the pre-trial hearing had taken place at Chichester Rents in Chancery Lane — a court building with no cells, no dock and no custody area set aside for persons surrendering to bail to report to an official. Lord Steyn ruled *that a defendant's pre-trial* bail lapsed when he was "called to the bar by name", had the indictment read to him and was asked whether or not he was guilty.

Consumers help output to inch ahead

By Janet Bush and Philip Bassett

BRITISH manufacturing activity showed another small monthly rise in March, largely reflecting a rebound in the production of goods for purchase by consumers, but overall this key sector remains stagnant.

Manufacturing output rose 0.2 per cent, the third small monthly increase in a row. But the Office for National *Statistics said that manufacturing* still fell by 0.2 per cent *in the latest three months* compared with the previous three *and that its judgment* of underlying trends suggests that manufacturing is showing no overall growth. Industrial production, which includes the output of the North Sea, increased 0.3 per cent in March, compared with the February figure. In the latest three months, industrial production was 0.2 per cent higher than in the previous three months, but the ONS said that it was showing no underlying growth.

The ONS *said a month ago* that there was *no underlying* growth in both industrial and manufacturing output in February — the first time this had *happened since September* 1992, the month when sterling was forced to leave the European exchange-rate mechanism (ERM). The Purchasing Managers' Index published last week was at a post-ERM crisis low, backing up statisticians' estimates of industrial trends and suggesting that the economy is not about to embark on an imminent improvement.

The only area of manufacturing which showed some strength was production of consumer goods, which rose by 1.1 per cent in the first *quarter of this year*, compared with the fourth quarter last year.

The Confederation of British Industry's latest distributive trades survey published today show that high street sales are improving, but only modestly. Sales still remained well below retailers' expectations.

The CBI said that, in spite of something of an upward trend in retail sales volumes — though the underlying growth *trend is levelling off — for the* second month in succession, *retailers consider business* as only just above average for the time of year.

A net balance of 32 per cent of retailers — those reporting higher growth set against those recording falling sales — said sales volumes were rising in the the CBI's survey of 15,000 outlets in April. But this is below expectations of growth among a net 40 per cent, and only 8 per cent see *sales volumes as above average* now.

While a net 40 per cent of high street outlets believe that sales will grow over the next month, CBI analysts point out today that such expectations have proved to be over-optimistic in the past two surveys.

All sectors in retailing, with the exception of specialist food shops, saw some rise in sales volumes, though the CBI says today that the three-monthly moving average of high street sales is now levelling off after rising consistently since last September.

Alastair Eperon, the chairman of the CBI's distributive trades survey panel, says today: "It is encouraging that the increases in sales volumes in March were carried through into April, although the boost to trade following an early Easter may have contributed to growth in some sectors."

Britannia fined under Pep rules

By Anne Ashworth

THE unit trust arm of the *Britannia* Building Society has been fined £37,500 by *the* Investment Management Regulatory Organisation (Imro), the City watchdog.

The fine, which relates to breaches of the personal equity plan (Pep) rules resulting in a breakdown in procedures designed to protect investors' cash, is the second largest imposed by Imro *this year. Last month*, National Westminster Bank had *to* pay £75,000, having also fallen foul of Pep regulations.

In addition to its fine, Britannia Fund Managers which has a total of £650 million in its care, has also been ordered to pay £26,000 in compensation to Pep customers. It must also meet Imro's costs of £22,000.

A *routine Imro monitoring* visit revealed that, between February and December 1994, Britannia Fund Managers *failed to* bank and invest cash from its Pep clients *on time*.

Imro found that cash from 5,000 *customers* was not paid into a client bank *account within* the required period. Under the rules, money *must* be banked within three days. The purpose of this regulation is to minimise the danger of a client's money being mislaid. The rules also state that cash must be invested on the eighth day, after the seven-day cooling-off period given to investors. The purpose of this rule is to ensure that transactions are being carried out in the same market conditions and at the same price as when the decision to invest was made.

At Britannia Fund Managers, however, cash from 1,500 customers was not being invested until, in some instances, the 12th day. This resulted in losses for 555 people as the market had moved, making the cost of units in the trusts more expensive.

Danny O'Neill, managing *director of Britannia Fund* Managers, said that he greatly regretted the breakdown in procedures. He attributed part of the delay to additional checks that had been introduced:

He added: "We were going back to the intermediaries to ask for more information on their clients. Over the period, there were more plan-holders advantaged than disadvantaged as the market had fallen, bringing down the cost of the units."

ALAN WELLER

Sir Alistair Grant, who is to retire from Argyll, with Jack Hanford, Safeway's advertising boy

Grant to retire from Argyll

By Clare Stewart

SIR Alistair Grant, chairman of Argyll, the supermarket group, is to step down next *March on reaching his 60th* birthday.

Sir Alistair, a director of Argyll since 1977 and chairman since 1988, will not retain a boardroom role with the food group after leaving the chair. "I want to be a good friend to the management," he said. "It doesn't make sense to have a lingering involvement after retiring." He remains a significant investor in Argyll through his family holding of about a million shares.

Sir Alistair earned £627,000 *in 1995 and his shareholding* is worth £3.24 million at yesterday's closing price of 341½p. He also has 760,000 share options exercisable at prices from 191p to 363p.

David Webster, deputy chairman, succeeds Sir Alistair. Colin Smith continues as chief executive. Simon Laffin moves up to the post of finance director.

Sir Alistair says he always planned to retire at 60. *His* departure comes at time of *ever-fiercer competition* between supermarket groups. Sainsbury this week announced a sharp fall in profits, from £809 million to £712 million. The departure coincides with change at the top of Tesco, whose chairman, Sir Ian MacLaurin, is to retire next June.

Sir Alistair's time with Argyll *spans its* abortive bid for Distillers under the former *chairman*, James Gulliver, and acquisition of Safeway. *One City analyst* described this as Sir Alistair's biggest success, with the chain being transformed into one of the leading supermarket groups.

Sir Alistair is a director of the Bank of Scotland and of Scottish & Newcastle Breweries, and is unlikely to be short *of further directorship offers.*

New Lloyd's offer expected today

By Sarah Cunningham

LLOYD'S of London is expected today to announce a substantial increase in its settlement offer to embattled names. It is thought that Lloyd's might boost the settlement package by up to £1 billion to about £3.8 billion, finally securing the future of the troubled insurance market.

The names who should benefit from *this higher offer and have their debts to* Lloyd's cut will be those who have already paid their losses as required, and the hardest-hit names who have won legal actions or who are still pursuing accountancy firms through the courts.

The extra funds will be available partly because Lloyd's has managed to raise more money than it expected from various sources, and also because the Department of Trade *and Industry has* decided to lower the amount that names must pay into the newly established reinsurance company Equitas. The original *DTI figure of £1.9 billion is understood* to have been reduced to £1 billion. *Names who pay into Equitas will be able* to offload their liabilities relating to risks insured before 1993. Many of those liabilities are related to asbestosis and pollution claims made in the US, and they are expected to remain a problem for many years.

Lloyd's said yesterday that it is to hold *eight capacity auctions this year, from* Monday to Thursday on alternate weeks *from July 11 to October 17*. The auctions are designed to give names a means of *trading capacity, gaining access to a* greater number of syndicates and allowing *them to realise reasonable value* for their syndicate participations.

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Yield	3.99%	
FT-SE A All share	1877.75	(+7.52)
Nikkei	21411.88	(-316.72)
New York:		
Dow Jones	5493.21	(+19.15)*
S&P Composite	646.00	(+1.22)*
US RATE		
Federal Funds	5¼%*	(5⁷⁄₁₆%)
Long Bond	87⅞*	(88)
Yield	6.99%*	(6.96%)
LONDON MONEY		
3-mth Interbank	6%	(6%)
Liffe long gilt future (Jun)	105¹⁴⁄₃₂	(105⅛)
STERLING		
New York:		
$	1.5220*	(1.5243)
London:		
$	1.5232	(1.5162)
DM	2.3102	(2.3019)
FFr	7.8302	(7.7915)
SFr	1.8841	(1.8705)
Yen	159.54	(159.55)
£ Index	84.4	(84.1)
DOLLAR		
London:		
DM	1.5167*	(1.5160)
FFr	5.1410*	(5.1325)
SFr	1.2355*	(1.2345)
Yen	104.77*	(105.15)
$ Index	96.1	(96.2)
Tokyo close Yen 105.20		
NORTH SEA OIL		
Brent 15-day (Jul)	$18.15	($18.80)
GOLD		
London close	$392.65	($394.85)

* denotes midday trading price

ScotPower looks over border for expansion

By Christine Buckley

SCOTTISHPOWER, the generator and electricity supplier which last year bought Manweb, the northwest regional supplier, is targeting England and Wales for further expansion in generation *and power sales*.

The company will firm plans *for a new gas-fired* power station in Leicestershire in the next few months and is gearing up for further exports south of the border.

Ian Robinson, chief executive, said the company would look to expand further in the UK once the future of gas prices was more determinable. He added: "We will need *to see how the regulatory* structures will be."

Last year, ScottishPower increased its sales to England and Wales 40 per cent, boosted by several emergency calls from the National Grid.

But lower pool prices meant profits from this business fell 22 per cent to £20.1 million in the year to March 31. ScottishPower *also took hits on its second-tier* business — supplying to customers *outside its franchise area* — with electricity recording a loss of £4.4 million (£1.6 million loss), and gas a loss of £5.5 million (£400,000 loss).

The integration of Manweb has contributed more than £80 *million to profits. Since its* acquisition, ScottishPower has *cut the workforce to 3,060* from 3,350 and aims to reduce *it to 2,800 by next March*. The final dividend, payable October 1, was lifted to 10.33p, making a total of 15.5p and an *increase of 13 per cent* over the previous year.

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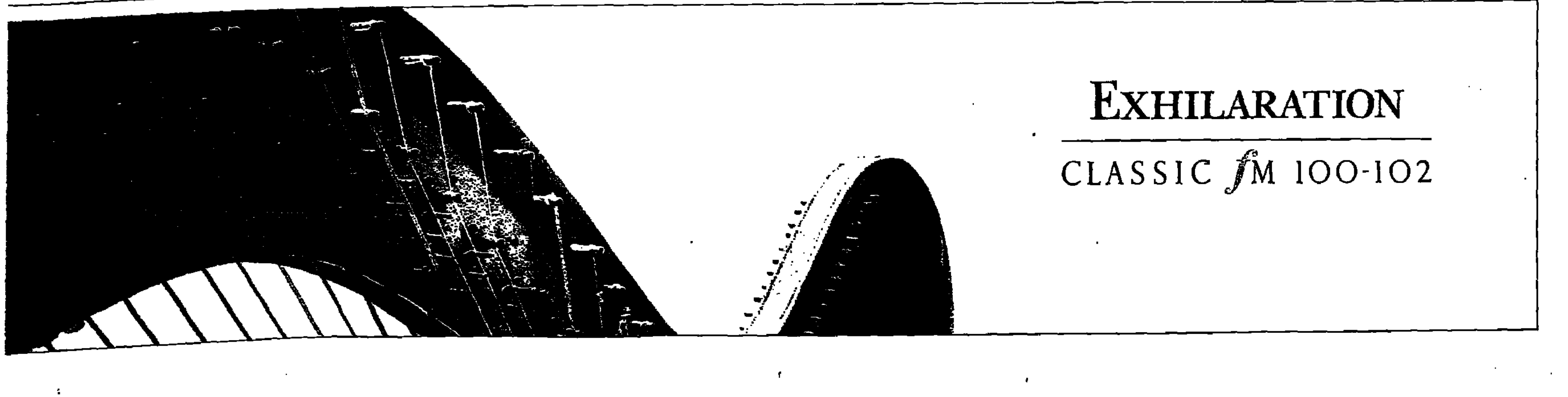

EXHILARATION

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Prism wins 'misery line' with vow of new trains and safer stations

BY JONATHAN PRYNN
TRANSPORT CORRESPONDENT

BRITAIN'S most hated railway, the London, Tilbury and Southend (LTS) "misery line", passed into private hands yesterday with its new owners promising passengers new trains and more secure stations.

The £54 million a year passenger franchise, the seventh sold under privatisation, was awarded to Prism Rail, a consortium of bus managers backed by City institutions.

The company plans to float on the Alternative Investment Market, becoming the first quoted company wholly devoted to running mainline railway services since nationalisation in 1948.

The franchise bid is financed by the 11 bus managers who founded Prism two years ago and a placing of shares with 22 City institutions. There are no venture capital backers.

The managers used to work for the formerly state-owned National Bus Company, but left to run local bus companies when they were privatised between 1986 and 1988. Prism was set up specifically to run rail franchises and plans to bid for other routes.

The company's first success, the LTS commuter line, became a symbol of underinvestment in the railways in the 1980s and early 1990s and has been plagued by overcrowding, breakdowns and vandalism.

Godfrey Burley, chairman, said that Prism would begin next year to phase out the line's unreliable "slam-door" trains, some of which date from the early 1960s. They will be replaced on all but some peak services by 17-year-old sliding door rolling stock, initially, and by a fleet of new trains by November 1999.

The winning bid for the 15-year franchise also included plans for more Sunday and off-peak services and £14 million spending on improving stations, including construction of a new one at West Ham, in east London, and provision of easier access for the disabled and better security.

Mr Burley said: "We quite naturally want to stop people calling it the misery line."

Prism will take over the line from British Rail at the end of May, almost four months after the Government's first attempt to sell the franchise was abandoned at the last minute; the management team that won the first auction of the franchise had to pull out amid allegations of ticket fraud, still being investigated.

Prism will receive £29.5 million *of government subsidy in* the first year of the franchise, falling to £11.2 million in 2011. British Rail receives a £34.6 million subsidy for the service.

□ British Rail's Freightliner container business has been sold in a management buyout, virtually completing privatisation of BR freight operations.

BUSINESS ROUNDUP

Foreign purchases of US firms double

FOREIGN purchases of American companies almost doubled to $26.6 billion in the first quarter, led by Canadian and Japanese buyers seeking to expand in the retail and consumer products markets, according to KPMG Peat Marwick LLP. British purchases dropped by $1.6 billion but *still* ranked third at $4.3 billion. The Netherlands followed with $4.2 billion, well over the $156 million in the 1995 first quarter. German firms more than tripled their spending over the year to $1.5 billion. However, US companies spent only $8.4 billion on acquiring foreign companies, up 6 per cent.

Canadian firms were the most active buyers of US firms, spending almost $10 billion in 65 announced deals. Japanese firms were a distant second but more than doubled their spending to almost $4.6 billion. The largest Japanese purchase was *Sumitomo Bank's acquisition of Daiwa Bank's* US operations.

New offer from ICA

INDEPENDENT Car Auctions, which launched an agreed bid for Central Motor Auctions last week, has produced an alternative offer. Under the existing offer, ICA needs 75 per cent of shareholders' votes to gain 100 per cent of CMA's shares. ADT has lifted its stake from 9.9 per cent to 18.5 per cent, just 6.5 per cent short of a veto. If ICA's first plan is rejected, it will issue a cash offer of 87p per CMA share that would need only 50 per cent of the vote. ICA's original bid has been lifted from 87p to 90p.

BAT subsidiary to sell

SOUZA CRUZ, the Brazilian subsidiary of BAT Industries, the British tobacco and financial services group, has agreed to sell a 28 per cent interest in Aracruz Celulose for $250 million to a subsidiary of Anglo American of South Africa. The disposal will result in a BAT profit before tax and minority interest of about $50 million. Aracruz, with headquarters in Rio de Janeiro, is the world's largest producer of bleached hardwood kraft market pulp.

Avesta's 75% increase

AVESTA SHEFFIELD, the Anglo-Swedish steel group, achieved a 75 per cent increase in pre-tax profits to 4.75 billion kronor (about £460 million) for the 15 months to March 31. *However, the group, owned by British Steel, said the fifth* quarter profit of SKr452 million is "significantly lower" than quarterly results in 1995 due to sharp falls in demand and prices as a result of destocking". Order intake increased in the first quarter of 1996 but demand and prices remained unstable.

Maiden takes off

SHARES in Maiden Group, the outdoor advertising company, ended their first day of trading at 271p yesterday. They reached a high of 274p, a 24.5 per cent premium to the flotation price of 220p, which valued the company at £86.5 million. Maiden placed more than 9.6 million shares with financial institutions in a full listing on the Stock Exchange. The float will raise around £20 million, which will be used *largely to reduce borrowings that financed a buyout in 1995.*

Warner Howard hit

A LULL in demand hit sales at Warner Howard, whose core business is the selling and rental of laundry equipment and hand-dryers. Pre-tax profits for the year to February 28 nudged up 1.7 per cent to £7.16 million. They included a £780,000 contribution from Orwak Linley, the bailer and waste-compact firm bought last May for £4.5 million. Warner said sales should recover next year. Earnings were 20.76p (20.97p): a final dividend of 5.85p made a total of 9p (8p).

Watchdog boost for Rec

STEPHEN LITTLECHILD, the electricity regulator, yesterday reaffirmed that Eastern, the regional electricity company, is likely to be allowed to buy power stations from National Power. Starting a consultation on the plant sales, which the regulator forced to encourage generation competition, Professor Littlechild repeated previous indications that the company's own-generation limits could be lifted.

Fine debut by Vanguard

SHARES in Vanguard Medica made their debut on the London Stock Exchange yesterday and closed at 628p, up almost 40 per cent from their issue price of 450p, on volume of six million shares. Vanguard, a drugs development company started by six industry veterans, including Sir John Vane, the Nobel prizewinner, raised £46.5 million through the placement of the 11 million new shares — about 44 per cent of the enlarged company's share capital. **Stock market, page 24**

Wyndeham purchase

WYNDEHAM Press Group, the printing services company, is to buy ET Heron, the magazine and brochure printers, for up to £12.3 million in cash and shares. It is funding the purchase by raising £6.07 million through a placing and open offer, sponsored by NatWest Wood Mackenzie, which offers one new share at 196p for every nine held. Existing shares rose 10p to 212p. Wyndeham has forecast profits of not less than £4.9 million before tax for the year ended March 31, 1996.

Anglo Irish 34% ahead

ANGLO Irish Bankcorp, the Dublin-based bank, reported a 34 per cent increase in profits to Ir£8.6 million for the six months to 31 March. Earnings per share were Ir3.44p, compared to IR2.63p. The interim dividend rises 10 per cent to *Ir1.50p per share. During the six-month* period, Anglo Irish Bankcorp acquired a £69 million loan portfolio from Allied Dunbar and purchased Ansbacher Banks, one of Ireland's leading private banks, with assets above Ir£185 million.

Prowting profits fall 38%

The volatile housing market caused a 38 per cent fall in profits at Prowting, the building company, to £6 *million* before tax in the year to February. Turnover was lifted 11 per cent to £108 million, but the low margins saw operating profits fall by 10 per cent to £16.6 million. The total dividend is held at 3.8p, with a 1.9p final.

A brief trading recovery in early autumn disappeared over winter, putting pressure on its house prices. Terry Roydon, chief executive, said that visits to sites had picked up significantly since March and that orders for April and May were up 30 per cent on last year.

Lynx leaps

Lynx Holdings, the computer software and services company, increased pre-tax profits to £2.07 million (£741,000) in the six months to March 31, lifted by the £26.2 million acquisition of Vistec Group in November. The interim dividend is lifted 13 per cent to 0.45p a share.

Hussey post

Marmaduke Hussey, the former chairman of the board of governors of the BBC, is to become a non-executive director of MAID, the online supplier of business information services.

PAUL COUSANS

Bed sitters: Bill Simpson, left, Silentnight chief executive, and Barry McKenzie, group finance director

Silentnight maintains its profit posture

PRE-TAX profits at Silentnight Holdings, Europe's largest bedmaker, were unchanged at £11.1 million in the year to February 3, in spite of a rise in turnover to £190 million from £177 million.

Profits included £900,000 from the sale of the company's subsidiary in Kenya. UK bed sales, which accounts for 80 per cent of turnover, grew by 3.6 per cent to £153 million. An acquisition in Canada boosted North American sales by 37 per cent to £18.1 million, making 10 per cent of the overall turnover.

The company said that UK bed sales were up 14 per cent in the three months to April, and that its margins were recovering. The dividend was *held at 8p a share, with an* unchanged final of 5.25p, payable from earnings of 16.78p (15.55p).

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Lang 'lacking strategy on utilities'

BY CHRISTINE BUCKLEY

LABOUR yesterday rounded *on Ian Lang, President of the* Board of Trade, as he attempted to outline a policy for the privatised utilities in a speech that flew in the face of previous government lines on competition.

John Battle, the party's energy spokesman, said: "We are still waiting for a strategy from Mr Lang. At the moment, we have vertical, horizontal and diagonal integration and we have seen nothing *that indicates a coherent* plan."

Mr Lang used a speech to the Adam Smith Institute to underline the importance of competition on the Government's agenda. However, he emphasised that he would intervene in free-market decisions until adequate competition had been achieved. He was reluctant to elaborate on how adequate competition would be determined. After *the speech he said that he* would know satisfactory competition "when I see it".

It had been hoped that his speech would give an indication of the thinking of the Government after the surprise vetos on the power generators' bids for regional electricity companies and its confirmation that it would retain golden shares in the generators. Mr Lang said competition would drive development in *the privatised utilities, but that* they remained in transitory state and some government intervention was necessary.

But he admitted: "The Government has no blueprint for the industrial structure of the utility sectors."

Mr Lang also clashed with the policy of his predecessor, Michael Heseltine, when he said it was not the place of competition policy to "engineer the creation of so-called *national champions". He said* such protection had led to third-rate companies such as the pre-privatisation British Coal and British Steel.

Mr Lang told the institute that the role of the regulators would subside as competition developed. But again he qualified this by emphasising their central position currently.

C&W close to choosing new chief

BY ERIC REGULY

CABLE and Wireless, the telecommunications company that broke off merger talks with BT last week, expects to appoint a chief executive before the release of its financial results on May 23.

The executive, an American who has not been named, could confirm acceptance next week. C&W is anxious to get the new man in place to restore management stability and develop its strategy as an independent telecoms player.

Last November the C&W board ousted Lord Young of Graffham, the chairman, and James Ross, the chief executive. Shortly afterwards, it entered merger negotiations with BT, and was forced to put the appointment of a new chief executive on hold.

At the time it was thought that Sir Peter Bonfield, chief executive of BT, would become chief executive of the enlarged group if the merger went ahead.

The new C&W chief executive is said to have broad experience in the American phone industry. Rod Olsen, the finance director and acting chief executive, may take on the title of deputy chief executive but would not comment.

FirstBus in lead with SBH deal

BY PHILIP PANGALOS

CONSOLIDATION in the bus industry sped up yesterday as FirstBus, the public transport group formed last summer by the merger of Badgerline and GRT, moved to buy SB Holdings in a recommended deal worth £110 million.

Some 3,000 SBH bus drivers will see a £300 investment made two years ago turned into an average of £34,000.

The takeover of SBH, which has 3,500 employees and runs 1,250 buses in greater Glasgow, involves £96 million and a special dividend of about £14 million.

FirstBus, the UK's second-biggest bus operator, will become the biggest by this deal, and will raise £90 million via a two-for-seven rights issue, at 140p a share, to fund it.

SBH made profits of £11.3 million in the year to March 31, on turnover of £91.9 million, and had assets of £28.9 million.

FirstBus will pay Stagecoach, its larger rival, £23.9 million for its 21.7 per cent stake in SBH. Stagecoach will *realise a profit of about £15* million.

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Inntrepreneur reduces estate by one third

Sale of pubs raises £262m

BY ALASDAIR MURRAY

INNTREPRENEUR, the pub operator, is to sell 1,410 pubs, a third of its estate, for £262 million to Spring Inns, a newly created company.

Inntrepreneur, a joint venture between Grand Metropolitan and the Australian group Foster's, will concentrate on developing its core public houses. The proceeds of the sale will be used to reduce existing debt and to fund development in the remaining estate.

Spring Inns is 98 per cent owned by Royal Exchange Trust Company, a trust owned by Guardian Royal Exchange. But Grand Met and Foster's will retain beneficial control while a consortium of banks headed by National Westminster will provide the financing.

Spring Inns said it would attempt to dispose of the pubs, and was looking ideally for a single purchaser. If no overall buyer emerged it would consider offers from individual retailers. All existing agreements with tenants will be maintained, along with the supply arrangement with Courage, valid until 1998.

The deal, which was made at book value, effectively tidies Inntrepreneur's balance sheet, allowing *the company* to invest in its remaining outlets. Inntreprenuer was formed from the merger of the pub estates of GrandMet and Courage in 1991. The number of pubs under its control has been steadily reduced — from a peak of 8,400 to 2,900 after *the latest sale.*

Michael Foster, its chief executive, said yesterday: "We have concentrated our estate to free resource, both financial and managerial, to provide further improvements in the services and support we offer to our retailers."

TOURIST RATES

	Bank Buys	Bank Sells
Australia $	2.00	1.84
Austria Sch	17.23	15.73
Belgium Fr	50.42	46.12
Canada $	2.184	2.024
Cyprus Cyp£	0.757	0.702
Denmark Kr	9.52	8.72
Finland Mkk	7.77	7.12
France Fr	8.22	7.57
Germany Dm	2.46	2.25
Greece Dr	385.00	360.00
Hong Kong $	12.42	11.42
Ireland Pt	1.02	0.94
Israel Shk	5.2800	4.6300
Italy Lira	2481.00	2326.00
Japan Yen	174.00	158.00
Malta	0.601	0.546
Nethrlds Gld	2.731	2.501
New Zealand $	2.36	2.14
Norway Kr	10.52	9.72
Portugal Esc	248.50	230.00
S Africa Rd	7.34	6.54
Spain Pta	199.00	186.00
Sweden Kr	11.00	10.20
Switzerland Fr	2.01	1.83
Turkey Lira	120529.	112529.
USA $	1.619	1.489

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Back to the future in Norwich

☐ MEMBERS of Norwich Union — according to how you read the situation — gather in that city this morning to close the door to carpet-baggers or nail shut a stable door after giving the horse seven months to walk free.

One of two things will happen to the Norwich over the next year and a bit. It can float on the stock market, or it can be taken over. This could be by a bigger or swifter rival or as part of a Sun Alliance-Royal-style defensive merger. Either way, members — its two million "with-profits" policyholders — will gain.

If the Norwich floats with an estimated value of £2 billion, they will receive shares that a back-of-the-envelope calculation values at somewhere in the £600 to £800 region. If it is taken over, they will suffer a loss of control that requires compensation from the bidder. This, on the basis of the usual premium for control, could push their average windfall into four figures.

The Norwich intimated in October that a flotation was a possibility, thereby making it — or a takeover — inevitable. Today's meeting will see the passing of an enabling motion to allow management at a later date to close the membership. Some quirk of history dating back to the foundation of the Norwich Union Fire Society in 1797 — distracted by that year's Spithead naval mutiny, perhaps? — means that this authority was not included in the articles of association.

It is needed now. If the Norwich subsequently decides to float, the books must be closed to carpet-baggers, those who might take up policies in the expectation of a demutualisation windfall — on the assumption that they have not already done so.

If pressed on whether they have, the management at today's meeting will say that figures kept by the society do not suggest any sudden upturn in new policies. Carpet-bagging the Norwich is a rather trickier task than shovelling a few hundred quid across the counter at your local building society and waiting for your six numbers to come up, requiring as it does an insurance policy and the start of a long-term relationship with the society.

Insiders say there is plenty of fat to come off the Norwich if it is floated or merged. The management layer is bloated far beyond the needs of its relatively shrunken sales force, which must leave a lot of paper-shufflers at head office. Meanwhile, market share has fallen — in the niche endowment mortgage business, for example, the Norwich is thought to have a 2 per cent share against 12 per cent at its peak. Someone has plenty of work to do.

Consistency is all we ask

☐ IAN LANG set out his stall on competition policy yesterday. Well, not so much a stall, more of a hastily parked car boot, arranged with whatever he had to hand, and something that could be easily packed away again and driven off . . . in any direction.

PENNINGTON

After a couple of inconsistent decisions on the power industry that defied all logic, we were all keen to know what strategy we were missing. Inconsistency number one was Mr Lang's veto of the generators' bids for regional electricity companies, because he felt electricity generation was not yet competitive enough and the two companies would wield too much power.

Mr Lang could, as this column has suggested, have sanctioned the deals with the condition that the generators disposed of more power stations to further competition. Instead, he said yesterday that he, and only he, would know sufficient competition when it arrived.

He also said that market forces would drive progress for the privatised utilities. Presumably these are the same market forces that led the two generators to seek cost savings in those mergers that he blocked. Instead, the Government will intervene whenever necessary in the run-up to full competition in case it all goes wrong. In case competition kills competition. Worry not; again, Mr Lang will know when that happens.

The second inconsistency came when he decided to keep the golden shares in the generators because of competition considerations. Since when has a potential change of ownership impacted on competition? Only when that change of ownership was prompted by an American company that raised the political stakes by threatening a US presence of about a third in the UK electricity industry. That makes it different.

Different too when Tory dissidents such as John Redwood begin baying that the whole mess had got out of hand.

Inntrepreneurial wheeze with GRE

☐ ALARM and confusion after misleading newswire reports that the Guardian Royal had decided to go into the pub business. Great opportunities for cross-selling — even the dodgiest car insurance policy looks good after the fifth pint — but hardly a core activity, one thinks.

Not so, not so. GRE is merely providing a trust company to facilitate a clever deal whereby the Inntrepreneur pub operator sends one in three of its estate, and presumably the worst third, into a parking orbit pending an eventual sale. The new company has its own finance, leaving Inntrepreneur in a position to invest more on sprucing up those pubs being retained.

Just who is going to want the ones for sale is less clear. Supply agreements with Courage are in place to March 1998, making them less attractive to brewers. The independent pub operators are not flavour of the month with the stock market, so finance might be a problem. Inntrepreneur is bowing to the inevitable by accepting the chain may have to be broken up.

But by focusing on the remaining business the deal should bring nearer that blessed day when Grand Metropolitan and Foster's Brewing, reluctant co-owners of Inntrepreneur, can finally walk away, probably by means of a stock market float in a couple of years.

Compass point

☐ A STRONG response from the City to the latest catering deal for Compass Group. A surprising number of analysts rang up professing fascination over the relatively modest £6.5 million purchase of Payne & Gunter. Then the penny dropped. P&G are responsible, inter alia, for catering at Twickenham. The teenage scribblers were keen to know their chances of a more in-depth study one day.

Royal Dutch Shell notches up record income of £1.74bn

By Sarah Cunningham

ROYAL Dutch Shell, the Anglo-Dutch oil company, yesterday reported record net income in the first three months of this year of £1.74 billion, up 37 per cent on the same quarter of last year.

High natural gas sales, boosted by the cold winter, higher crude oil prices and lower operating costs combined to push the group's profits way above City forecasts of about £1.3 billion to £1.4 billion and inspired some analysts to increase their forecasts for the whole year to more than £5 billion.

Alan MacDonald, oil analyst at SBC Warburg, said: "These were extraordinarily high results and the main thing is that this company has higher volume growth than any of its peers, so it is not just because of favourable conditions."

The results boosted the shares of the British half of the company, Shell Transport and Trading. They rose 35.5p to close at 887p.

Royal Dutch Shell said that its exploration and production earnings rose 53 per cent in the quarter to £915 million, with crude oil production up 2 per cent to 2.34 million barrels per day and natural gas sales up 16 per cent to 10.26 billion of cubic feet per day.

Refining and marketing earnings were up 56 per cent to £525 million, with oil product sales up 8 per cent to 6.142 million barrels per day.

The only black spot for the group was the performance of its chemicals units, but even there results were better than in the last quarter of last year. Chemicals earnings were down 54 per cent to £165 million.

Cash flow from operating activities was £2.5 billion, compared with £1.8 billion in the same period last year. Capital expenditure and exploration expenses were £1.5 billion, similar to a year ago.

Crude oil prices strengthened in the first quarter, supported by good winter demand, lower than expected production in non-OPEC countries, and low crude oil stocks in the US.

Brent Blend, the benchmark North Sea oil, averaged $18.60 a barrel in the quarter, about £1.50 above the first quarter of 1995.

The company said that it did not expect oil prices to necessarily remain so high or so stable as the United Nations might finally reach a food-for-oil agreement with Iraq that would allow the country to sell up to $2 billion of crude over six months.

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Capital signals advance

STRONG revenue growth and improved margins helped Capital Radio to shake off the effects of increasing competition in the London area as Britain's largest commercial radio group tuned into a 23 per cent advance in first-half profits (Philip Pangalos writes).

Pre-tax profits at Capital, the core assets of which are London-based Capital FM and Capital Gold on AM, climbed to £15.6 million in the half year to March 31, up from £12.7 million last time. The group saw a "strong performance" in revenue and audience at all its stations, with total turnover ahead 19 per cent to £38.1 million.

Ian Irvine, chairman, said: "Each of our stations continues to be market leader in its area."

The interim dividend is raised to 4p (3.25p) and is payable on July 1, from earnings ahead 23 per cent to 14.1p (11.5p) a share.

Willis Corroon static

WILLIS CORROON, the international insurance broker, claimed trading conditions had deteriorated as it reported a slight drop in pre-tax profits to £48.1 million (£48.5 million) for the three months to March 31 (Marianne Curphey writes.)

Excluding the effects from the disposal of the group's interests in Heddington Brokers and Gryphon Holdings and foreign-exchange movements, profits rose on an underlying basis by 4 per cent. With a reduced tax charge, earnings rose 5 per cent from £29.2 million to £30.6 million.

The group's brokerage and fee turnover of £198.5 million was 2 per cent higher than that for the corresponding three months in 1995. Total operating profit rose 4 per cent from £45 million to £46.7 million.

Earnings per share were 7.3p (7p); the dividend remains unchanged at 1.65p.

Vaux cheered by fans

By Alasdair Murray

SUNDERLAND Football Club's successful season helped Vaux, the brewery and hotels company based in the North East, to raise its half-year pre-tax profits by 14 per cent to £13.3 million.

Vaux, which will sponsor the club in the Premiership next season, said sales of premium lager rose 5 per cent as fans toasted the club's promotion. The brewing division as a whole lifted operating profits 41 per cent to £1.3 million.

There was also a strong performance from its Swallow hotel chain which raised profits 17 per cent to £9 million. Room occupancies averaged 66 per cent, a rise of 3.1 percentage points, while bookings are running 5 per cent ahead for the next quarter.

The triumphant Sunderland team sponsored by Vaux

The managed house division also increased profits 14 per cent to £4.1 million, boosted by the transfer of 26 pubs from the tenanted division. But the tenanted pubs division suffered an 8 per cent decline in profits to £6.2 million, although the company said the downward trend appeared to be easing.

Profits in the nursing homes division, also fell by 19 per cent to £1.8 million. Vaux have appointed Hambros, the merchant bank, to find a buyer for the division. Sir Paul Nicholson, chairman, said that there had been considerable interest in the sale, although no formal offer had been received.

Overall turnover, for the 24 weeks to March 16, was up 8.7 per cent at £125 million. The interim dividend rises 3 per cent to 3.56p, due on May 29.

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Young sales help profits at N Brown

A MOVE towards targeting younger customers has helped to boost annual profits at N Brown, the home shopping group (Clare Stewart writes.)

Sales through its Fashion World, Candid and Classic Combination catalogues targeted at 30 to 40-year-old women, rose by 35 per cent last year, making up 15 per cent of total home shopping sales.

Operating profits across all the home shopping division rose by 19.4 per cent to £33.6 million. But N Brown's property and financial services division saw operating profits fall by 47 per cent to £233,000.

Gearing has dropped from 34 per cent to 23 per cent and the final dividend of 4.1p makes 5.7p for the year, an 18.8 per cent rise.

Jarvis books in for the market

By Clare Stewart

JARVIS HOTELS, the eighth largest UK chain, is set to join the stock market this summer in a £280 million flotation.

Jarvis, headed by John Jarvis, former Hilton International chief, plans to float by way of a placing and intermediaries offer. Prospectus details are due out next month.

Mr Jarvis, chairman and chief executive, said: "The market capitalisation will be in the £250-£280 million range, which is underpinned by a property valuation of £323 milllion."

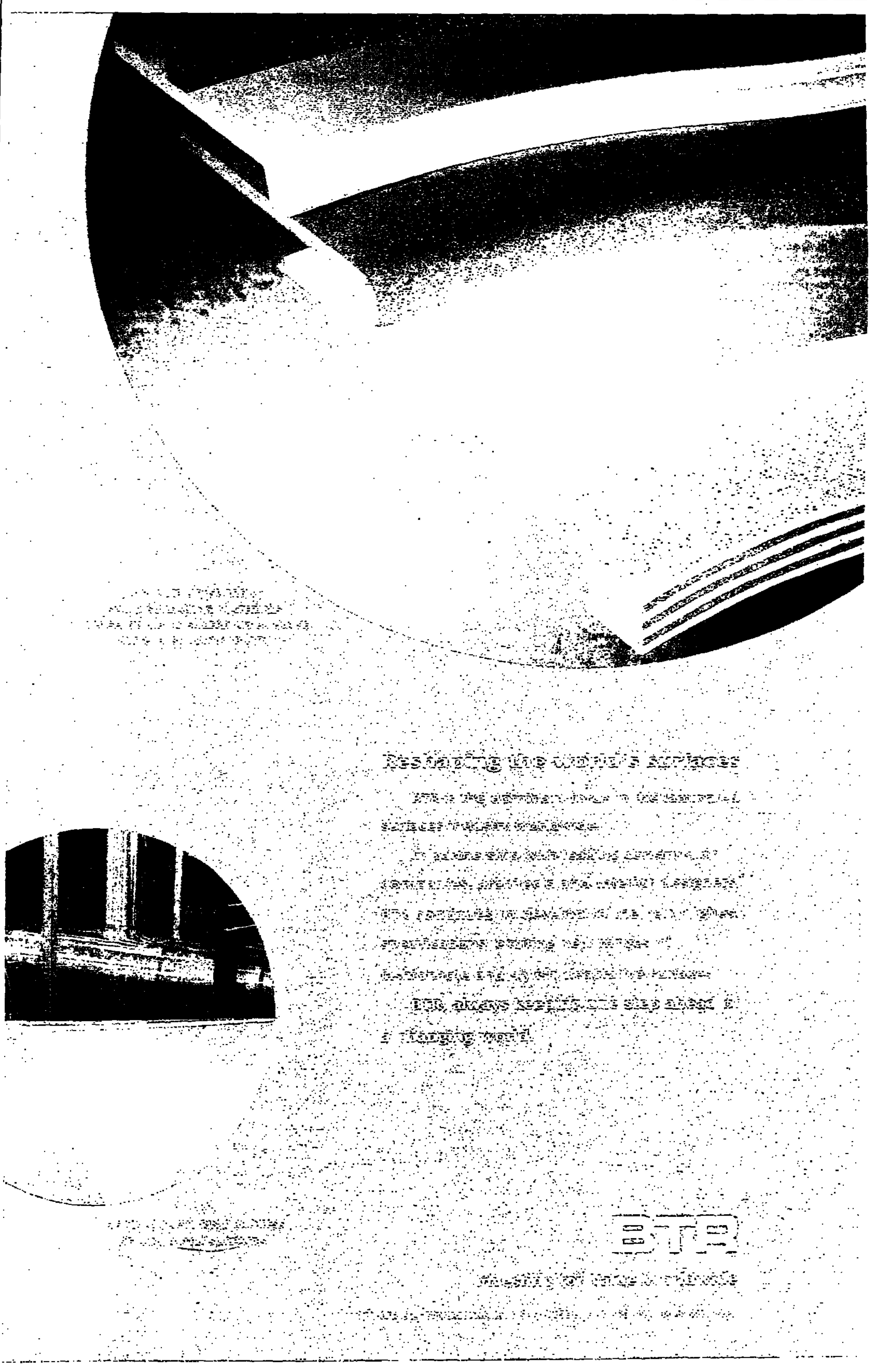
He added that the flotation would strengthen the balance sheet and enable the group to make further acquisitions in the UK.

Just under 50 per cent of the equity is to be sold, with the group's 100 institutional and venture capital shareholders selling on average about a third of their holdings.

Mr Jarvis, who founded the company with David Thomas, the deputy chief executive who was formerly head of Ladbroke Hotels, will have a stake post-flotation worth between £5 million and £6 million.

The group consists of 62 mid-market hotels in the UK focusing on short-break, business and conference customers and offering facilities such as Sebastian Coe Health Clubs. It has grown rapidly through acquisitions, including the purchase of 41 hotels from Allied Breweries.

Profits before tax for the year ending March 31, 1996, rose to £9.1 million, against £8.7 million last time.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STOCK MARKET MICHAEL CLARK

Shares bounce back after turnround in New York

SHARE prices on the London stock market moved into positive territory for the first time this week after being encouraged by Wall Street's 131-point turnround overnight.

This, combined with a bumper set of first-quarter figures from Shell, the oil group, enabled the FT-SE 100 index to close 21.0 up at 3,728.3. Trading conditions remained thin. Less than 700 million shares changed hands by the close.

Despite the brighter performance, dealers are cautious about short-term prospects with the "sell in May and go away" adage ringing in their ears. Market-makers still have plenty of stock on their books and are reluctant to encourage the bears.

Shell ended the session 35½p higher at 887p, equivalent to a seven-point rise in the index. After a poor end to last year, the group has bounced back with a surge in net profits from £1.28 billion to £1.62 billion, way above brokers' forecasts. Exploration and production profits were boosted by strong natural gas sales volumes and lower operating costs. The only black spot was chemical operations which fell 54 per cent to £165 million in a difficult market.

Lucas Industries slipped a further 4p to 223p after Wednesday's announcement from the company that the talks with Varity Corporation are unlikely to lead to a bid. But the takeover speculation continues to bubble with brokers taking the view that the talks with Varity may prompt a bid from Siemens of Germany or **TI Group**, 1p firmer at 552p.

Telspec was floored by its second profits warning in the past couple of months. The shares tumbled 242p to 513p. The group told shareholders at the annual meeting that temporary problems would affect profits in the first half. The group said high-margin sales which would be expected to contribute £2 million had been delayed to the second half. In March the group saw its share price dented by news of late deliveries.

Full-year figures from **Scottish Power** included the benefits of Manweb, the regional electricity company it acquired last year. The group reported an 8 per cent rise in pre-tax profits to £405 million and confirmed plans for an increasingly liberal dividend policy. Murray Stuart, chairman, said the group had completed the major part of restructuring the business resulting in the generation of greater value from Manweb than originally expected. The shares responded with a rise of 7p to 374p.

Ian Robinson and Murray Stuart saw Scottish Power rise

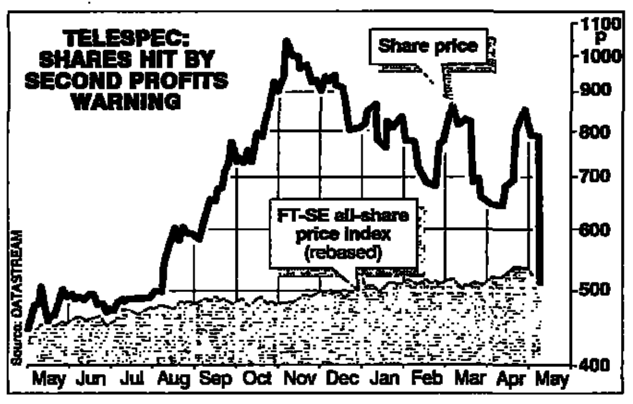
A 23 per cent increase in half-year pre-tax profits at **Capital Radio**, the independent broadcaster, was rewarded with a rise of 9p to 673p. The result was achieved on the back of strong growth in advertising revenue. Brokers are looking for up to £33 million for the full year.

FirstBus, the independent bus operator, was unchanged at 168p after announcing plans to buy SBH, the Glasgow bus operator for £110 million. The deal will make FirstBus one of the biggest operators in the sector.

A profits warning left **Hewden-Stuart**, the plant hire group, nursing a fall of 6p to 154p. Trading during the first two months of the year had been disappointing and was below budget. The group blamed the situation on severe weather which had delayed many projects and said it was braced for further pressure on rates and margins.

Memory Corporation, the accident-prone microchip repairer, tumbled 37p to 133p after warning of further potential stock writedowns. In March, the group plunged into the red, blaming falling prices. Memory joined AIM in December 1994, but has seen its price tumble from the peak of 554p reached last year.

Wyndeham Press, the fast-growing printer, headed by Bryan Bedson, former chairman of Brighton Football Club, is planning to raise £6.07 million by way a placing of 3.33 million new shares at 196p. The proceeds will be used to acquire Heron, a web-offset printer of long-run magazines and brochures, whose customers include Haymarket Publishing. Last year Heron made pre-tax profits of £1.8 million. The market showed what it thought of the deal by marking the shares 10p higher at 212p.



Maiden headed a list of three stock market companies making their debuts. The outdoor advertising poster group opened at 274p, compared with the 220p the shares were originally placed at. That was to be the best of the day and the price eventually closed at 271p, a premium of 51p.

First-time trading in **Vanguard Medica**, the biopharmaceutical supplier, got off to a flying start. Placed at 450p a share, the price started life at 625p and touched 633p before ending the session at 628p, a premium of 178p, as almost 6 million shares changed hands. At these levels, the group is valued at £155 million.

CA Coutts, the packaging group, also enjoyed a premium in first-time trading on the Alternative Investment Market. Placed at 105p by Beeson Gregory, the broker, the price opened at 123p and touched a high for the day of 124p before settling at 123p, a premium of 18p.

Disappointing trading news left **Willis Corroon**, the insurance broker, 3p easier at 147p. As a result, brokers are likely to begin downgrading rival **Sedgwick**, 2p firmer at 149p.

☐ **GILT-EDGED:** London managed to extend Wednesday's gains supported by a positive performance overnight from US Treasury Bonds. The market lost some of its momentum after publication of stronger-than-expected industrial production numbers and a hesitant start to trading by German bunds. But the selling proved short-lived with prices closing near their best of the day.

In the futures pit, the June series of the long gilt rose £9/32 to £105 13/32 as the total number of contracts completed reached 50,000.

In longs, Treasury 8 per cent 2015 finished £¼ better at £96 15/32, while at the shorter end Treasury 8 per cent 2000 was three ticks firmer at £101 29/32.

☐ **NEW YORK:** US stocks retained a firm tone with Wednesday's late rally seen as an encouraging sign. At midday, the Dow Jones industrial average was up 19.15 points to 5,493.21.

MAJOR INDICES

New York (midday):	
Dow Jones	5493.21 (+19.15)
S&P Composite	646.00 (+1.22)
Tokyo:	
Nikkei Average	21411.88 (-316.72)
Hong Kong:	
Hang Seng	10573.00 (-44.32)
Amsterdam:	
EOE Index	555.65 (+4.09)
Sydney:	
AO	2280.30 (-18.20)
Frankfurt:	
DAX	2469.38 (-3.26)
Singapore:	
Straits	2374.60 (+2.77)
Brussels:	
General	9053.09 (+22.86)
Paris:	
CAC-40	2085.41 (+1.67)
Zurich:	
SKA Gen	773.30 (-0.10)
London:	
FT 30	2784.5 (+12.5)
FT 100	3728.3 (+21.0)
FT-SE Mid 250	4505.4 (+1.0)
FT-SE-A 350	1892.2 (+8.4)
FT-SE Eurotrack 100	1652.44 (-2.44)
FT A All-Share	1877.75 (+7.52)
FT Non Financials	2003.71 (+8.08)
FT Fixed Interest	112.13 (+0.63)
FT Govt Secs	92.04 (+0.19)
Bargains	31735
SEAQ Volume	718.0m
USM (Datastrm)	216.42 (+1.03)
US$	1.5230 (+0.0068)
German Mark	2.3105 (+0.0086)
Exchange Index	84.4 (+0.3)
Bank of England official close (4pm)	
£:ECU	1.2112
£:SDR	1.0435
RPI	151.5 Mar (2.7%) Jan 1987=100
RPIX	150.9 Mar (2.9%) Jan 1987=100

RECENT ISSUES

AIM Distribution	94	...
Active Imaging	121	+ 1
Biocompatibles Uts	170	+ 40
CA Coutts (105)	118	...
Cairngorm Unit	925	...
Cairngorm Unit Wts	238	+ 13
Cap for Co's VCT (100)	95	...
FNR	39	...
La Senza (150)	158	+ 2
MSB International	240	...
Maiden Group	271	...
Millnm & Cop (278)	321	+ 2
Perp Inc & Gth Wrts	*19*	...
Phytopharm (175)	178	...
Reflec	48	...
Singer & Frd AIM Wts	11	...
Singer & Fried AIM	98	...
Sira Bus Svs Wts	1½	...
Sira Business Svs	4	...
Stentor	91	− 2
Templeton C&E Euro	26	...
Tom Hoskins	56	...
Tradepoint Fincl	185	...
Vanguard Medica	628	...
Waterfall (45)	52	...

RIGHTS ISSUES

Benson Group n/p (40)	4	...
Cap Reg 675% ULS n/p	1¼	...
Indl Control n/p (90)	24	...
Knox D'Arcy n/p	¾	...
On Demand n/p (180)	2	− 3
Queensbrgh n/p (28)	2	...
Tottenham Hot n/p	90	...

MAJOR CHANGES

RISES:	
Cantors	155p (+17p)
Ugland	77p (+12p)
Sentry Farm	288p (+20p)
CRT Group	159p (+10p)
Reuters	764p (+17p)
Siebe	850p (+17p)
BOC	908p (+18p)
AIM	300p (+15p)
MMT Comp	446p (+18p)
General Accident	651p (+21p)
FALLS:	
Forminster	58p (-37p)
Memory Comp	133p (-37p)

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TEMPUS

Escape over the Border

SCOTTISHPOWER has a charmed position. As a vertically integrated company, it escaped the strict demarcation of the break-up exacted on the English and Welsh electricity business. ScottishPower was also able to buy a regional company, Manweb.

While the English have similar moves blocked, ScottishPower hones its plans to expand its generating capacity south of the border, which is currently modest, and prepares to export further supply on the interconnector between Scotland and England and on the planned link to Ireland.

It hardly seems equitable. But such is the state of the electricity industry. ScottishPower has significant expansion plans, both in UK-based generation and in overseas activities. And it is clear from some areas of its business that growth by expansion is by far its best option. But underneath the top-line figures and dividend promises, ScottishPower is showing the cuts and bruises of sharp competition.

In generation, ScottishPower saw its operating profit slip £5.3 million, and in wholesale — selling into the electricity pool for England and Wales — it slumped 22 per cent to £20.1 million on the back of lower pool prices.

In second-tier supply (serving customers competitively outside the franchise area) the company made a loss of £4.4 million in electricity and £5.1 million in gas. Both were worse figures than last year. The competitive arena comprises only industrial users at present, but this will expand in 1998 to domestic consumers. The already tight margins will become tighter and open to more virulent rivalry.

Shell

BP must be feeling extremely irritated. It announced record quarterly results last week and its shares fell, whereas Shell Transport and Trading's record first-quarter earnings yesterday — no better than BP's — pushed the shares up 35.5p to 887p.

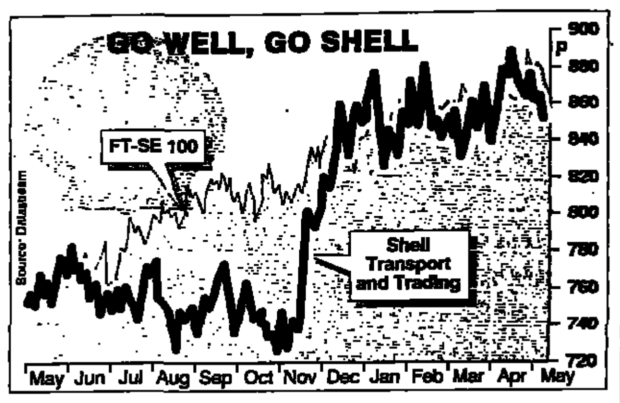
Both BP and Shell produced excellent figures, and did considerably better than Mobil and Exxon, their American cousins. The simple explanation is that investors have come to expect great things from BP. Shell, on the other hand, with a return on capital of under 10.9 per cent this time last year — now risen to 11.3 per cent — compared with an industry average of 12-14 per cent, had lost respect.

That looks set to change: some analysts have increased their forecasts for the whole of the year for Shell by 5 per cent or so to more than £5 billion and are looking at an upside to share prices of as high as 950p.

Shell has certain advantages over its rivals. Compared with other companies, it has a huge cushion of capital which has allowed it to take a long view and invest through the bad times.

As a result, in the buoyant market conditions seen so far this year, it has been able to step up volumes to meet demand.

The next quarter's figures should tell us whether growth is sustainable but investors will have to wait until September to know whether there is good news on dividends.



FirstBus

THOUSANDS of Glasgow bus drivers will have every reason to be happy this morning after the £110 million recommended offer from FirstBus for SB Holdings, which operates 1,250 buses in greater Glasgow. Some 3,000 SBH bus drivers will see an investment of £300 made two years ago turn into an average of £34,000.

FirstBus's latest deal comes hot on the heels of last month's £52 million acquisition of bus operations in Manchester and Portsmouth. It makes FirstBus the UK's biggest bus operator with a 21 per cent market share, compared with Stagecoach's 17 per cent.

FirstBus has certainly paid a full price for SBH, though it claims the deal will be earnings enhancing. However, Labour Party policy on buses is not yet clear and there is always the possibility that any future Labour government may appoint a regulator to the industry or enforce a price structure.

Analysts predict full-year pre-tax profits of about £25 million after exceptionals, giving earnings of 8p a share. This puts FirstBus shares, which have had a strong run recently, on a price earnings multiple of about 21 times. This is a premium to the rest of the stock market but it remains on a par with competitors. However, the ride may become more bumpy in the longer term.

Vaux

BID rumours have swirled around Vaux, the brewing and hotel company, as long as anyone can remember. Vaux has looked vulnerable as a regional brewer trapped in a market carve-up by the four big players and as a small hotel operator in a sector that is currently one of the City's favourites.

Weak results from its brewing operations, tenanted pubs and nursing homes division over the past year have only raised speculation about the company's fate. But yesterday's half-year results suggest Vaux may be doing enough to retain its independence for the time being.

The re-organisation of the brewing division began to bear fruit as the company pushed profits back above £1 million. The mix between the highly profitable managed inns and struggling tenanted pubs is also improving. In a refreshingly honest appraisal of the underperforming nursing home's division, Vaux admitted it had bought the division expecting to run the homes like hotels. The division is now on the market with Vaux making optimistic noises about the sale.

The recent bid speculation has placed the shares on a full-year rating of 16 times earnings. The company is beginning to look a little too expensive for predators, but it will have to continue to work hard to justify its new-found value.

COMMODITIES

LONDON COMMODITY EXCHANGE

COCOA

May	1070-1069	Jul	1043-1038
Jul	1106-1105	Sep	unq
Sep	1119-1118	Dec	...
Dec	1019-1018	Mar	...
Mar	1020-1018		
May	1031-1029	Volume:	5054

ROBUSTA COFFEE ($)

May	1980-1965	Jan	1920-1915
Jul	1952-1951	Mar	1890-1886
Sep	1945-1944	May	1860-1840
Nov	1937-1936	Volume:	2839

WHITE SUGAR (FOB)

Reuters		Mar	328.5-26.5
Spot: 391.0		May	328.0-25.5
Aug	369.0-68.0	Aug	328.5-25.0
Oct	338.5-37.0	Oct	318.0-10.5
Dec	329.0-28.0	Volume:	429

MEAT & LIVESTOCK COMMISSION

Average fatstock prices at representative markets on May 8

(p/kg lw)	Pig	Sheep	Cattle
GB:	115.20	137.46	101.65
(+/-)	+7.51	+9.53	+0.19
Eng/Wales:	115.30	189.03	101.70
(+/-)	+7.51	+4.93	+0.78
(%)	-1.0	+17.0	-24.0
Scotland:	unq	161.48	101.40
(+/-)	...	+19.88	-3.14
(%)	...	-15.0	-8.0

ICIS-LOR (London 6.00pm)

CRUDE OILS ($/barrel FOB)

Brent Physical	19.35	-0.65
Brent 15 day (Jun)	18.80	-0.55
Brent 15 day (Jul)	18.15	-0.25
W Texas Intermediate (Jun)	20.65	-0.40
W Texas Intermediate (Jul)	19.90	-0.20

PRODUCTS ($/MT)

Spot CIF NW Europe (prompt delivery)

	Bid	Offer
Premium Unld	230 (-3)	232 (-3)
Gasoil EEC	173 (-1)	174 (-2)
3.5 Fuel Oil	103 (-4)	105 (-4)
Naphtha	188 (-2)	190 (-3)

IPE FUTURES (GNI Ltd)

GAS OIL

May	162.50-62.75	Aug	161.00-61.50
Jun	162.00-62.25	Sep	161.25 BID
Jul	161.50-61.75	Vol:	13381

BRENT (6.00pm)

Jun	18.80-18.81	Sep	17.42-17.43
Jul	18.12-18.14	Oct	17.30 BID
Aug	17.70-17.71	Vol:	41794

GNI LONDON GRAIN FUTURES

WHEAT (close £/t)		BARLEY (close £/t)	
May	129.50	May	117.15
Jul	132.00	Sep	110.90
Sep	117.50	Nov	112.25
Nov	119.20	Jan	114.00
Jan	121.10	Mar	115.50
Volume:	329	Volume:	10

POTATO (£/t)

	Open	Close
Apr	129.0	128.5
May	unq	141.0
Jun	...	—
Volume:		45

RUBBER (No 1 RSS Cif p/kg)

May 102.50-103.00

BIFFEX (GNI Ltd $10/pt)

	High	Low	Close
May 96	1412	1405	1410
Jun 96	1310	1305	1308
Jul 96	1271	1250	1263
Oct 96	1365	1350	1362

Vol: 159 lots Open Interest: 4396
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LONDON METAL EXCHANGE

(Official) (Volume prev day)	Cash	3mth	Rudolf Wolff Vol
Copper Gde A ($/tonne)	2840.0-2841.0	2702.0-2703.0	2570425
Lead ($/tonne)	856.00-857.00	843.00-844.00	204350
Zinc Spec Hi Gde ($/tonne)	1045.0-1046.0	1071.5-1072.0	394200
Tin ($/tonne)	6565.0-6575.0	6570.0-6571.0	18915
Aluminium Hi Gde ($/tonne)	1638.5-1639.5	1671.0-1671.5	1588975
Nickel ($/tonne)	8365.0-8375.0	8450.0-8455.0	115344

LONDON FINANCIAL FUTURES

	Period	Open	High	Low	Sett	Vol
FT-SE 100	Jun 96	3729.0	3742.0	3717.0	3733.0	12720
Previous open interest: 64325	Sep 96	3742.5	3742.5	3742.5	3748.5	50
FT-SE 250	Jun 96				4520.0	0
Previous open interest: 4141	Sep 96					0
Three Month Sterling	Jun 96	94.02	94.03	93.96	93.97	12765
Previous open interest: 371999	Sep 96	93.92	93.93	93.86	93.87	12393
	Dec 96	93.61	93.63	93.56	93.57	14371
Three Mth Euro Yen	Sep 96	98.83	98.83	98.83	98.83	308
	Dec 96	98.51	98.51	98.50	98.51	1176
Three Mth Euro DM	Jun 96	96.82	96.82	96.79	96.80	14264
Previous open interest: 1122965	Sep 96	96.86	96.86	96.83	96.84	17396
Long Gilt	Jun 96	105-13	105-22	105-07	105-13	49971
Previous open interest: 120198	*Sep 96*	*104-10*	*104-12*	*104-10*	*104-10*	90
Japanese Govmt Bond	Jun 96	118.05	118.23	118.02	118.20	3066
	Sep 96	116.89	117.06	116.89	117.03	556
German Gov Bd Bund	Jun 96	96.35	96.35	96.01	96.07	156569
Previous open interest: 186585	Sep 96	95.26	95.31	95.10	95.11	2590
Three month ECU	Jun 96	95.77	95.77	95.68	95.71	1331
Previous open interest: 26063	Sep 96	95.79	95.79	95.75	95.77	793
Euro Swiss Franc	Jun 96	98.14	98.14	98.07	98.08	3142
Previous open interest: 59994	Sep 96	98.10	98.10	98.02	98.03	3433
Italian Govmt Bond	Jun 96	113.82	113.95	113.15	113.41	48460
Previous open interest: 63170	Sep 96	113.13	113.27	112.90	112.79	394

MONEY RATES (%)

Base Rates: Clearing Banks 6 Finance Hse 6½
Discount Market Loans: O/night high: 6¼ Low 5¼ Week fixed: 5⅞
Treasury Bills (Dis): Buy: 2 mth 5⅞; 3 mth 5⅞. Sell: 2 mth 5⅞; 3 mth: 5⅞.

	1 mth	2 mth	3 mth	6 mth	12 mth
Prime Bank Bills (Dis):	5⅞-5¾	5⅞-5¾	5⅞-5¾	5⅞-5¾	
Sterling Money Rates:	6⅛-5⅞	6⅛-6	6⅛-6	6⅛-6⅛	6⅜-6¼
Interbank:	6⅛-5⅞	6⅛-6	6⅛-6	6⅛-6⅛	6⅜-6¼

Overnight: open 6⅛, close 5½.

Local Authority Deps:	6	n/a	6	6	6¼
Sterling CDs:	6-5⅞	6⅛-5⅞	6⅛-5⅞	6⅛-5⅞	6¼-6⅛
Dollar CDs:	5.34	n/a	5.40	5.53	5.86
Building Society CDs:	6⅛-5⅞	6⅛-6	6⅛-6	6⅛-6	6⅜-6⅛

EUROPEAN MONEY DEPOSITS (%)

Currency	7 day	1 mth	3 mth	6 mth	Call
Dollar:	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	5-4
Deutschemark:	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
French Franc:	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	4-3
Swiss Franc:	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	2-1
Yen:	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	n/a

GOLD/PRECIOUS METALS (Baird & Co)

Bullion: Open $392.70-393.00 Close: $392.40-392.90 High: $393.45-393.95
Low: $392.00-392.50 AM: $393.20 PM: $392.70

Krugerrand: $392.00-395.00 (£257.00-259.00)

Platinum: $404.90 (£265.35) Silver: $5.44 (£3.565) Palladium: $133.75 (£87.75)

STERLING SPOT AND FORWARD RATES

Mkt Rates for May 9	Range	Close	1 month	3 month
Amsterdam	2.5752-2.5857	2.5802-2.5828	[illegible]pr	[illegible]pr
Brussels	47.36-47.58	47.46-47.51	13-10pr	35-31pr
Copenhagen	8.8996-8.9355	8.9207-8.9298	[illegible]pr	[illegible]pr
Dublin	0.9656-0.9692	0.9674-0.9689	9-6pr	24-19pr
Frankfurt	2.3040-2.3132	2.3092-2.3113	[illegible]pr	[illegible]pr
Lisbon	237.09-238.59	238.03-238.34	[illegible]ds	[illegible]ds
Madrid	192.65-193.76	193.43-193.69	25-34ds	69-86ds
Milan	2374.7-2381.6	2375.4-2377.6	6-8ds	16-19ds
Montreal	2.0747-2.0831	2.0811-2.0831	0.26-0.18pr	0.47-0.36pr
New York	1.5211-1.5244	1.5227-1.5236	0.09-0.07pr	0.22-0.19pr
Oslo	9.9214-9.9544	9.9353-9.9503	[illegible]pr	[illegible]pr
Paris	7.8015-7.8394	7.8270-7.8336	[illegible]pr	[illegible]pr
Stockholm	10.333-10.377	10.333-10.351	[illegible]ds	[illegible]ds
Tokyo	159.30-159.63	159.45-159.63	[illegible]pr	[illegible]pr
Vienna	16.209-16.278	16.248-16.264	[illegible]pr	1¼-1pr
Zurich	1.8742-1.8860	1.8830-1.8852	[illegible]pr	[illegible]pr

Source: Extel *Premium - pr. Discount - ds.*

DOLLAR RATES

Australia	1.2509-1.2517
Austria	10.67-10.68
Belgium (Com)	31.17-31.21
Canada	1.3669-1.3674
Denmark	5.8575-5.8605
France	5.1390-5.1400
Germany	1.5165-1.5172
Hong Kong	7.7354-7.7359
Ireland	1.5720-1.5740
Italy	1559.10-1560.40
Japan	104.73-104.78
Malaysia	2.4882-2.4892
Netherlands	1.6950-1.6964
Norway	6.5243-6.5318
Portugal	156.13-156.23
Singapore	1.4040-1.4050
Spain	127.00-127.10
Sweden	6.7813-6.7882
Switzerland	1.2364-1.2375

OTHER STERLING

Argentina peso*	1.5232-1.5258
Australia dollar	1.9049-1.9073
Bahrain dinar	0.5675-0.5795
Brazil real*	1.4896-1.4938
China yuan	12.00 Buy
Cyprus pound	0.7070-0.7170
Finland markka	7.1525-7.2685
Greece drachma	364.25-371.25
Hong Kong dollar	11.7733-11.7818
India rupee	52.59-53.55
Indonesia rupiah	3511.00-3579.60
Kuwait dinar KD	0.4510-0.4610
Malaysia ringgit	3.7867-3.7907
New Zealand dollar	2.2116-2.2146
Pakistan rupee	52.78 Buy
Saudi Arabia riyal	5.4650-5.5000
Singapore dollar	2.1363-2.1393
S Africa rand (com)	6.7950-6.8970
U A E dirham	5.5250-5.6490

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FT-SE VOLUMES

3i	97	Land Secs	2,800
ASDA Gp	3,800	Legal & Gn	1,300
Abbey Ntl	3,900	Lloyds TSB	4,000
Allied Dom	1,500	Marks Spr	2,600
Argos	697	NatWst Bk	2,500
Argyll Gp	5,000	Nat Grid	3,000
AB Foods	2,600	Nat Power	697
BAA	2,300	P & O	1,600
BAT Inds	4,600	Pearson	582
BOC	*789*	*Pilkington*	*1,100*
BP	11,000	PowerGen	2,600
BSkyB	1,900	Prudential	4,000
BTR	5,900	REXAM	647
BT	12,000	RMC	570
Bk of Scot	1,600	RTZ	1,400
Barclays	9,000	Rank Org	11,000
Bass	2,800	Reckitt Col	1,400
Blue Circle	1,900	Redland	927
Boots	1,900	Reed Intl	420
BAe	2,800	Rentokil	6,600
BA	5,200	Reuters	5,100
Brit Gas	8,100	Rolls Royce	10,000
Brit Steel	6,900	Royal Ins	5,500
Burmah Cstl	221	Ryl Bk Scot	1,400
Burton	1,600	Sainsbury	2,300
Cable Wire	2,500	Schroders	50
Cadbury	2,400	Scot & New	2,900
Carlton Cms	2,600	Scot Power	2,100
Cm Union	1,500	Svrn Trent	2,700
Cookson	4,700	Shell Trans	12,000
Courtaulds	1,500	Siebe	1,400
Dixons	2,300	SmKl Bch	5,200
Enterpr Oil	1,900	Smith Nph	5,700
For & Col IT	1,100	Smiths Inds	1,800
GKN	594	Sthern Elec	628
GRE	6,300	Std Chartd	1,900
GUS	911	Sun Allnce	7,000
Gen Acc	2,400	TI Gp	703
Gen Elec	5,500	Tate & Lyle	1,800
Glaxo Well	3,200	Tesco	6,400
Granada	6,200	Thames W	1,100
Grand Met	6,000	Thrn EMI	1,400
Greenalls	1,100	Tomkins	3,800
Guinness	1,900	Unilever	1,300
HSBC	2,700	United Utils	829
Hanson	6,300	Vodafone	13,000
ICI	3,100	Whitbread	1,900
Kingfisher	1,900	Wllms Hld	1,700
LASMO	4,600	Wolseley	1,100
Ladbroke	1,200	Zeneca	628

LIFFE OPTIONS

	Series	Calls Jul	Calls Oct	Calls Jan	Puts Jul	Puts Oct	Puts Jan
Alld Dom	460	37	45	51	7	11	19
(*490)	500	11	24	29	24	30	39
Argyll	330	18	25	31	11	16	20
(*341)	360	5	12	17	30	34	37
ASDA	110	7	9	12	3	6	7
(*113)	120	3	5	8	9	11	12
Boots	600	30	41	49	13	21	26
(*620)	650	7	18	26	45	49	54
Br Airways	500	33	42	51	10	16	21
(*525)	550	8	19	27	38	43	47
BP	550	29	39	47	9	17	21
(*569)	600	7	15	23	38	44	48
Br Steel	180	15	17	20	5	8	11
(*192)	200	4	7	11	17	19	22
C & W	460	29	39	50	12	22	29
(*478)	500	11	23	32	35	44	50
CU	600	29	39	50	15	28	30
(*607)	650	9	17	26	46	58	60
ICI	850	56	68	86	10	24	29
(*885)	900	26	41	58	30	47	52
Kingfishr	550	40	53	67	9	16	21
(*576)	600	13	26	41	33	40	45
Land Sec	650	15	26	36	21	24	30
(*658)	700	1	9	17	62	62	65
M & S	420	15	23	30	10	15	19
(*429)	460	2	8	13	39	41	44
Nat West	600	37	47	60	11	24	30
(*618)	650	13	24	36	37	52	57
Sainsbury	360	13	23	28	10	14	19
(*370)	390	3	10	15	31	33	36
Shell	850	51	65	72	6	15	19
(*887)	900	19	33	43	24	36	40
Smkl Bch	638	33	46	—	17	26	—
(*649)	687	13	24	—	47	52	—
Storehse	330	16	25	—	10	15	—
(*337)	360	4	12	—	29	33	—
Trafalgar	50	1	1	—	0	0	—
(*50)	60	0	0	—	9	9	—
Unilever	1200	58	81	92	11	21	26
(*1231)	1250	27	49	62	31	42	46
Zeneca	1350	65	96	129	34	57	66
(*1365)	1400	41	71	101	60	81	90
	Series	**May**	**Aug**	**Nov**	**May**	**Aug**	**Nov**
Grnd Met	420	14	29	37	1	14	19
(*432)	460	0	12	20	27	37	41
Ladbrke	180	10	22	21	1	9	12
(*189)	200	0	12	14	11	21	23
Utd Bisc	220	15	24	28	0	5	9
(*234)	240	1	13	17	6	14	18

	Series	Calls Jul	Calls Oct	Calls Jan	Puts Jul	Puts Oct	Puts Jan
BAA	500	40	49	55	4	10	13
(*535)	550	10	20	27	27	32	36
Thames W	550	30	37	42	14	19	26
(*573)	600	7	15	21	47	50	56
	Series	**May**	**Aug**	**Nov**	**May**	**Aug**	**Nov**
BAT Ind	460	31	45	52	0	13	17
(*491)	500	3	22	31	12	31	36
BTR	300	14	23	27	0	4	9
(*314)	330	0	7	11	16	18	24
Br Aero	850	14	48	64	6	28	39
(*857)	900	0	25	41	42	55	66
Br Telcm	330	8	20	23	1	14	18
(*336)	360	1	7	11	23	35	37
Cadbury	460	30	47	54	0	8	14
(*489)	500	3	23	32	12	24	31
Guinness	460	20	36	42	1	9	15
(*479)	500	1	19	21	21	28	35
GEC	330	25	32	36	0	7	10
(*355)	360	2	13	19	6	20	24
Hanson	180	16	18	20	0	3	6
(*196)	200	1	6	10	4	12	16
LASMO	180	7	16	22	2	6	9
(*185)	200	0	7	12	15	17	20
Lucas	220	7	20	23	4	13	19
(*223)	240	3	12	14	18	24	31
Pilkingtn	191	16	19	—	0	4	—
(*207)	210	1	8	—	4	13	—
Prudential	420	22	36	43	1	9	15
(*441)	460	1	15	22	20	27	34
Redland	390	12	29	37	2	13	19
(*400)	420	0	15	23	20	29	35
R-Royce	220	3	14	20	3	11	15
(*220)	240	0	6	11	20	23	27
Tesco	260	15	25	29	0	5	10
(*274)	280	1	13	18	7	14	19
Vodafone	240	9	19	26	2	10	15
(*247)	260	0	10	17	13	21	26
Williams	300	29	35	38	0	2	6
(*328)	330	3	14	18	4	12	17

FT-SE INDEX (*3728)

	3600	3650	3700	3750	3800	3850
Calls						
May	132	86	45	16	3	1
Jun	152	114	81	52	30	16
Jul	174	135	105	76	54	36
Aug	191	156	124	95	72	51
Dec	250	—	197	—	147	—
Puts						
May	2	6	15	37	75	124
Jun	19	30	47	70	99	138
Jul	34	46	65	88	116	150
Aug	50	63	82	103	131	163
Dec	92	—	128	—	178	—

	Series	Calls Jun	Calls Sep	Calls Dec	Puts Jun	Puts Sep	Puts Dec
Abby Nat	500	53	61	71	1	9	14
(*549)	550	16	29	41	14	29	34
Amstrad	200	11	19	24	7	12	15
(*202)	220	4	11	15	20	23	27
Barclays	700	57	68	80	3	14	19
(*749)	750	21	35	51	17	33	40
Blue Circ	360	17	27	34	8	15	21
(*367)	390	4	14	20	26	32	37
Br Gas	200	22	26	31	1	4	7
(*219)	220	8	15	19	7	11	16
Dixons	460	26	36	47	7	19	22
(*476)	500	6	18	28	29	40	44
Forte	343	33	36	—	0	17	—
(*375)	373	8	14	—	3	7	—
Tarmac	120	9	13	17	3	6	10
(*124)	130	3	8	11	9	12	15
Hillsdwn	180	9	13	17	3	7	10
(*183)	200	1	5	7	17	19	21
Lonrho	180	12	16	20	2	6	8
(*188)	200	2	6	11	12	16	19
Sears	90	8	9	11	1	2	4
(*98)	100	1	4	6	6	7	9
Thorn	1700	98	134	162	21	54	68
(*1770)	1800	41	82	110	59	101	116
Tomkins	260	12	18	22	4	12	14
(*269)	280	3	9	13	15	24	25
Lloyds TSB	292	23	—	—	3	—	—
(*310)	322	6	—	—	16	—	—
	Series	**Jul**	**Oct**	**Jan**	**Jul**	**Oct**	**Jan**
Glaxo W	750	44	61	71	14	29	36
(*773)	800	20	36	46	38	56	63
HSBC	900	66	84	103	18	36	44
(*937)	950	37	56	76	39	57	67
Reuter	750	44	59	76	21	37	42
(*763)	800	21	35	53	49	61	66
	Series	**Jul**	**Oct**	**Jan**	**Jul**	**Oct**	**Jan**
Royal Ins	420	24	35	44	13	22	27
(*428)	460	8	15	26	37	44	49
	Series	**Jun**			**Jun**		
Fisons	260	5	—	—	0	—	—
(*269)	280	0	—	—	15	—	—
	Series	**May**			**May**		
Eastrn Gp	950	26	—	—	0	—	—
(*975)	1000	0	—	—	25	—	—
	Series	**Jun**	**Sep**	**Dec**	**Jun**	**Sep**	**Dec**
Natl Pwr	500	40	43	47	4	20	26
(*533)	550	10	17	22	23	40	53
Scot Pwr	360	21	29	30	6	12	14
(*373)	390	6	14	15	19	29	31

May 9, 1996 Tot: 46832 Call: 22556
Put: 24276 FT-SE Call: 4183 Put: 12037
*Underlying security price.

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	May 9 midday	May 8 close
AMP Inc	41	43
AMR Corp	86	87
ASA	45	46
AT & T	60	59
Abbott Labs	39	39
Advanced Micro	18	19
Aetna Life	67	68
Ahmanson (HF)	23	23
Air Prod & Chem	57	57
AirTouch Comm	29	29
Alberto-Culver B	38	37
Albertson's	37	37
Alcan Alumnm	33	33
Alco Standard	57	56
Allied Signal	57	57
Alum Co of Am	65	65
Amax Gold Inc	6	6
Amerada Hess	56	56
Amer Brands	41	40
Amer El Power	40	40
Amer Express	46	48
Amer Genl Corp	33	34
Amer Home Pr	51	52
Amer Intl	90	90
Amer Stores	33	33
Amer Standard	28	27
Ameritech	58	57
Amoco	71	72
Anheuser-Busch	67	66
Apple Computer	26	26
Archer Daniels	18	18
Armco	5	5
Armstrng Wrld	55	55
Asarco	33	33
Ashland Oil	40	40
Atl Richfield	115	114
Auto Data Pro	37	37
Avery Dennison	57	57
Avon Products	87	87
Baker Hughes	31	29
Baltim Gas & El	26	26
Banc One	34	34
BankAmerica	73	72
Bank of NY	47	47
Bankers Tr NY	69	70
Barnett Banks	62	61
Bausch & Lomb	39	39
Baxter Intl	42	41
Bectn Dicknsn	75	75
Bell Atlantic	63	63
Bell Industries	21	21
BellSouth	39	39
Black & Decker	39	39
Block (H&R)	34	34
Boeing	77	76
Boise Cascade	44	44
Bristol Myrs Sq	80	80
Browning Ferris	30	30
Brunswick	20	20
Burlington Nthn	85	84
CMS Energy Corp	28	28
CNA Financial	96	96
CPC Intl	67	67
CSX	50	50
Campbell Soup	61	61
Can Pacific	20	20
Carolina Pwr	36	36
Caterpillar	63	63
Central & SW	27	26
Champion Intl	46	46
Chase Manhat	67	67
Chevron Corp	57	56
Chrysler	63	64
Chubb Corp	46	46
Cigna Corp	107	107
Citicorp	77	77
Clorox	84	83
Coastal Corp	36	37
Coca Cola	82	82
Colgate-Palmolive	77	77
Columbia Gas	48	48
ColumbiaHCA	52	51
Compaq Comp	46	46
Comp Ass Intl	71	71
Conagra	39	39
Conrail	69	69
Cons Edison	27	29
Cons Nat Gas	46	46
Cooper Inds	41	41
Corestates	39	38
Corning Inc	34	34
Crown Cork	44	44
Dana Corp	32	31
Dayton Hudson	95	93
Deere	38	38
Delta Air Lines	79	79
Deluxe Corp	35	34
Digital Equip	55	56
Dillard Dept St	38	39
Disney (Walt)	58	58
Dominion Res	39	39
Donnelley (RR)	35	35
Dover Corp	48	48
Dow Chemical	90	89
Dow Jones	37	37
Dresser	29	29
Duke Power	47	47
Dun & Bradstreet	58	58
Du Pont	78	78
Eastman Chem	65	65
Eastman Kodak	74	76
Eaton Corp	58	58
Edison Intl	15	16
Emerson Elec	82	81
Engelhard Corp	25	25
Enron Corp	39	38
Entergy	26	26
Ethyl Corp	10	10
Exxon	82	83
FMC Corp	67	67
FPL Group	43	43
Federal Express	78	77
Fed Nat Mtge	30	29
First Bk Sys	59	59
First Union Rlty	7	7
Fleet Finl Grp	41	42
Fluor Corp	62	61
Ford Motor	35	35
GTE Corp	44	43
Gannett	65	65
Gap Inc Del	30	30
Gen Dynamics	63	62
Gen Electric	76	75
Gen Mills	56	56
Gen Motors	53	54
Gen Reinsurance	142	141
Gen Signal	38	38
Genuine Parts	43	43
Georgia Pac	76	76
Gillette	54	53
Glaxo Wellc ADR	23	23
Goodrich (BF)	36	36
Goodyear Tire	50	50
Grace (W&R)	74	74
Grt Atl Pac Tea	34	34
Great Wstn Fin	21	21
Halliburton	51	50
Harcourt General	44	43
Heinz (HJ)	33	32
Hercules	57	57
Hershey Foods	75	75
Hewlett Packard	105	104
Hilton Hotels	102	102
Home Depot	46	46
Homestake Mng	20	20
Honeywell	51	50
Household Intl	67	67
Houston Inds	22	23
Humana	23	23
ITT Corp	57	57
Illinois Tool	65	65
Illinova	25	25
INCO	34	34
Ingersoll Rand	39	39
Inland Steel	23	23
Intel Corp	68	68
IBM	106	105
Intl Flav & Fr	48	47
Intl Paper	39	39
James River Va	25	26
Jhnsn & Jhnsn	91	91
Kellogg	69	69
Kerr-McGee	61	60
Kimberly-Clark	70	70
Kmart	9	9
Knight-Ridder	71	71
Lilly (Eli)	55	56
Limited Inc	20	20
Lincoln Nat	45	46
Litton	45	44
Liz Claiborne	35	36
Lockheed Martin	81	81
Louisiana Pac	26	26
MCI Comm	28	25
Marriott Intl	49	49
Marsh & McLnn	92	92
Masco Corp	30	30
May Dept St	49	50
Maytag Corp	21	21
McDonalds	47	47
McDonnell D	96	96
McGraw Hill	45	45
Mead Corp	55	56
Medtronic	50	50
Mellon Bk	53	53
Melville Corp	37	37
Merck Inc	58	59
Merrill Lynch	59	59
Microsoft	113	114
Minnesota Mine	63	64
Mobil Corp	111	109
Monsanto	151	152
Morgan (JP)	85	84
Motorola Inc	60	61
Natl Semi	16	16
Natl Service Ind	37	37
Navistar Intl	11	11
NY Times A	32	32
Newmont Mng	59	59
Niag Mohawk	7	7
Nike B	92	93
NL Industries	15	15
Noram Energy	10	10
Nordstrom	50	49
Norfolk Sthrn	84	85
Nthn State Pwr	46	46
Norwest Corp	35	35
Nynex Corp	47	48
Occidental Pet	25	25
Ohio Edison	21	21
Oracle	33	33
Oryx Energy Co	16	15
Overseas Ship	19	19
Owens Corning	38	38
PHH Corp	54	54
PPG Industries	50	50
PNC Bank	29	29
PP&L Res	23	22
Paccar Inc	46	46
Pacificorp	20	20
Pac Enterprises	25	25
Pac Gas & Elect	22	22
Pac Telesis	33	33
Pall Corp	26	25
Parker Hannifin	43	43
Peco Energy	25	25
Penney (JC)	49	49
Pennzoil	43	43
Pepsico	65	64
Pfizer	64	66
Pharm & Upjhn	38	39
Phelps Dodge	74	75
Philip Morris	87	87
Phillips Pet	39	39
Pitney Bowes	48	48
Polaroid	44	45
PriceCostco	19	18
Procter & Gmbl	84	84
Providian	44	44
Pub Serv E & G	26	26
Quaker Oats	34	34
Ralston Purina	57	57
Raychem Corp	75	75
Raytheon	49	49
Reebok Intl	29	29
Reynolds Metals	55	55
Rockwell Intl	56	56
Rohm & Haas	66	66
Royal Dutch	146	141
Rubbermaid	27	27
SBC Comms	50	49
Safeco Corp	33	33
St Paul's Cos	52	52
Salomon Inc	41	41
Sara Lee Corp	30	30
Schering Plough	54	54
Schlumberger	86	84
Seagram	33	33
Sears Roebuck	52	50
Shell Trans	82	78
Sherwin Wllms	46	46
Skyline Corp	24	23
Snap-On-Tools	47	47
Southern Co	22	22
Sprint Corp	42	42
Stanley Works	60	61
Sun Company	30	30
Sun Microsys	55	55
Suntrust	70	70
Supervalu	31	31
Sysco Corp	32	31
TRW Inc	95	95
TCC Inds	2	2
Tandem Comp	13	13
Tandy Corp	54	54
Teledyne	38	39
Temple Inland	47	47
Tenneco	54	54
Texaco	80	80
Texas Inst	54	54
Texas Utilities	40	39
Textron	83	83
Time Warner	39	38
Times-Mirror A	41	41
Timken	40	40
Torchmark	42	42
Toys R Us	28	28
Transamerica	75	75
Travelers	59	59
Tribune	69	69
Tyco Labs	37	37
UST Inc	32	32
UAL	208	206
US Inds	21	21
USX Marathon	21	22
Unicom	27	28
Unilever NY	137	137
Union Camp	53	53
Union Carbide	45	46
Union Pacific	66	67
Unisys Corp	7	7
USAIR Group	16	16
USF&G Corp	15	15
US Life	28	29
United Tech	109	104
Unocal Corp	30	30
VF Corp	58	58
WMX Tech	35	35
Wal-Mart Stores	23	24
Warner-Lambert	108	109
Wells Fargo	239	237
Westinghouse El	18	18
Weyerhaeuser	47	48
Whirlpool	58	58
Whitman	25	25
Winn Dixie	37	37
Woolworth	18	19
Wrigley (Wm) Jr	51	50
Xerox	149	148
Yellow Corp	11	11

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THE TIMES CITY DIARY

Inquiry to quiz reaper

NORTH Yorkshire farmer Robert Goodwill, chosen to defend David Ashby's North-West Leicestershire seat at the next election, is planning to open Britain's first private cemetery on his 260-acre Southwood Farm. Planning refusal from Ryedale District Council has forced the father of three to defend his decision to fill his land at a public inquiry next December. If Goodwill becomes the MP, however, he hopes to turn the area of outstanding natural beauty into "the ultimate set-aside".

Hops of wrath

SOUTH East Water faced the wrath of management and guests at The Duke of York pub in the Pantiles area of Tunbridge Wells yesterday. When water supplies to the pub were cut off, manager Stuart Nasser was furious that the company was unable to help. Desperate for water in an area famed for its revitalising spas, a call to neighbouring Mid Kent, subject of a proposed joint bid by French-owned South East Water, came briskly to the rescue with a bowser.

Image in flames

BRITISH GAS'S rating in the annual analysis of press coverage fell further than any other company's in the past year. British Rail, Barings, Eurotunnel and Yorkshire Water were also at the bottom of the pile, while Marks and Spencer attracted more favourable coverage than any other UK company. NatWest, which took last year's wooden spoon, saw the greatest improvement in coverage over the previous year's rating.

"It was such a lovely winter"

Coining phrases

BORIS YELTSIN'S economic adviser is taking time out in the run-up to Russia's presidential election in June to speak at a London conference next week hosted by the Chartered Institute of Bankers and the Association of Russian Banks. Sergei Yegerov, who doubles as ARB president, is one of three speakers at the event, which follows Russia's threat to expel British diplomats.

Pillow talk

NOT surprisingly, Silentnight, the UK's largest maker of beds, backs the Sleep Council's verdict that the British don't change their beds as often as is hygienic. Our health-conscious sleeping partners in the US change their beds once every ten years on average, compared with every 16 years in the UK, according to Silentnight finance director, Barry McKenzie.

Royal family

IT IS more than a family tree that links Daniel Meinertzhagen, chairman of Royal Insurance from 1974 to 1985, with his son Peter. Five years after his father's death, Peter was the leading broker for ABN Amro Hoare Govett acting for Royal Insurance in its merger with Sun Alliance. "I'm sure he would have approved," says Meinertzhagen Junior, whose uncle was a senior partner at Cazenove.

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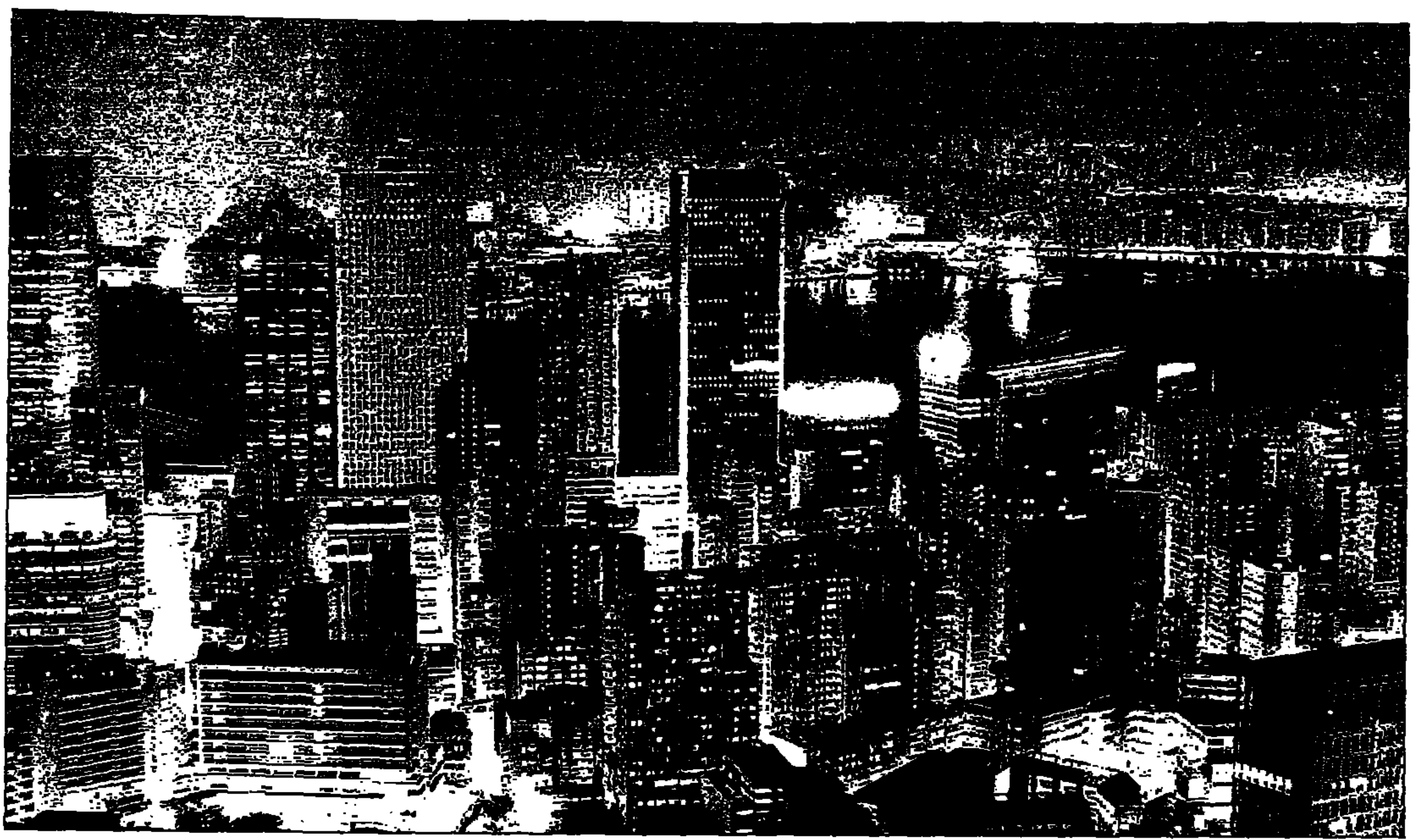


Hong Kong's handover to China is looming, and, as business strives to please Peking, there are worries about the future of unfettered capitalism

Hong Kong old guard gives way to 1997 welcoming party

Tom Walker on how a colony devoted to business intends to carry on thriving under rule from China

Gordon Wu, founder and chief executive of Hopewell, the Hong Kong property company, has a favourite riposte to those who predict doom after the Chinese takeover of the British colony next year. "What will happen after 1997?" Mr Wu is often asked at cocktail parties and dipomatic receptions. "1998," the taipan replies, with a grin.

While Hong Kong's tiny coterie of democratic politicians, spurred on by Chris Patten, make angry noises about the approaching apocalypse, most businessmen take the Wu approach — and theirs is the predominant voice, because business, after all, is the language of Hong Kong.

So what is this 29 square mile lump of rock and adjoining 404 square mile bite of the 3.7 million square mile Chinese motherland that Britain is relinquishing? It is the world's eighth-largest trading economy (with exports and imports valued at $301 billion); the world's eleventh-largest services exporter ($2 billion); the world's largest container port; a government among the world's richest, with $57.17 billion in foreign reserves; the most popular tourist destination in Asia, with more than 9.3 million visitors last year; and six million people, with per-capita GDP of $22,000. Mr Wu's expanded answer to the 1997 question is obvious: can China, in all its poverty-ridden vastness, really want to destroy this jewel, this window on the outside world?

"There are over 1,000 British companies operating in Hong Kong, and not one of them is planning to leave after 1997 as far as I know," says Francis Cornish, British Trade Commissioner in the colony. "In investment terms, it's almost impossible to quantify the value of the place. And what you must remember is that Hong Kong is the gateway to China. There is no such thing as a British company that is here for Hong Kong. They are all here for China."

This is not to say that businessman are not steeling themselves for Chinese takeover and the new "Special Administrative Region" of the People's Republic. "Prudent" and "pragmatic" are the buzzwords these days.

Take Li Ka-shing, Hong Kong's most successful businessman, among the world's richest men and one of the few Hong Kong Chinese to have conquered the British market, where his Hutchison Whampoa investment umbrella includes the Orange telephone network and Felixstowe docks.

Has Mr Li joined the pro-democracy supporters chanting in the rain as they await the arrival of Lu Ping, Peking's henchman for the handovers of Hong Kong and neighbouring Macao? No, Mr Li is building a £100 million 20-storey block destined to be the new Chinese ministry of foreign affairs in Hong Kong. A small gift to the new rulers, says Mr Li, by way of reminding Peking whose side he is on. In the view of the new taipans, it is better to wave a chequebook at Communism than stand defiant before its tanks.

Even the great British "hongs", the trading houses whose rampant expansion in the Far East forced Lord Palmerston to win over the colony with gunboat diplomacy 154 years ago, have come round to this doffed-cap approach. When Swire Group last week allowed the Chinese National Aviation Corporation to take over its regional hub airline, Dragonair, while also giving the China International Trading and Investment Corporation (Citic) a healthy chunk of Cathay Pacific, it was a clear indication that British companies no longer go their own way in Hong Kong. In one fell stock exchange coup, Britain's de facto dominance of the Hong Kong skies ended for ever.

Swire Group has, for many years, believed in accommodation with the Chinese mainland, a strategy diametrically opposed by Jardine Matheson until lately. It was at Jardine's instigation that Hong Kong was wrenched from China in the first place (in retaliation for a local mandarin's cheek at trying to cut off the company's lucrative opium trade) and unfortunately Peking's apparatchiks have long memories when it comes to injury against the state. It was not surprising, then, that, in 1949, when the Communists seized Shanghai, they immediately nationalised Jardine's assets there.

Henry Keswick, Jardine's London-based chairman, has a long memory, too, having been born in Shanghai, and after the Tiananmen Square massacre he had no difficulty in telling a panel of MPs that Peking's was a "Marxist-Leninist, thuggish, oppressive regime".

The contrast between Keswick and Li Ka-shing could not be starker. Keswick is the face of the old Hong Kong, educated at Eton and Cambridge, and predestined to wealth and power. Li, on the other hand, was born to a poor family in Guandong on the mainland, relying on his wits to rise from being a manufacturer of plastic flowers to holding pole position in the Hong Kong business world. It is this culture clash of colonial arrogance versus Chinese business realpolitik that has been concluded in the 1990s, and the new pro-China men are at the helm.

Culture clash: Li Ka-shing, left, and Henry Keswick

Analysts in Hong Kong now privately ask whether British Telecom's courtship of Hong Kong Telecom, the Cable and Wireless subsidiary, was not quietly derailed by China, even though the official line was different. As Jardine has already found out to its cost, Chinese officials can block the awarding of lucrative contracts or stop a thriving business in China at will, and few now doubt that Hong Kong's once-level playing field has tilted towards Peking.

"China has the most important decision when it comes to this deal," said Kelli Mauricio, an analyst, referring to the failed BT-Cable & Wireless merger talks, adding that Chinese officials "have a sour taste in their mouth about Britain".

Another analyst pulled no punches, saying: "Optimally, you'd want a Chinese company owning Hong Kong Telecom."

As 1997 approaches, business, the driving dynamic behind Hong Kong, seems to have almost entirely divorced itself from the sideshow of politics. Surveys back this up; in spite of enormous uncertainty in the political arena, where a host of basic human rights questions remain unanswered, businessmen continue to like Hong Kong.

The Political and Economic Risk Consultancy, a respected local barometer of the Asian business climate, recently said that Hong Kong is seen as posing less risks than anywhere apart from Singapore and Japan.

And last week, Mark Mobius, president of Templeton Emerging Markets Fund, declared Hong Kong the world's most attractive emerging market. "We expect money and people to flow from China into Hong Kong after 1997," he said.

The two plaudits add to a catalogue of business approval of Hong Kong's handover, culminating in the US-based Heritage Foundation's assertion that Hong Kong leads the world in economic freedom. The foundation's 1996 index praises its minimal trade barriers, openness to foreign investment, absence of burdensome regulations and strong guarantees on property ownership.

The statistics can be trotted out: Hong Kong, home to more than 700 international companies; the world's third-largest banking centre, with more than 500 financial institutions from 43 countries, including 85 of the world's top 100 banks; the world's eighth-largest stock market and Asia's second-largest, with a capitalisation of more than $267 billion; and the fourth-largest gold market in the world.

What worries diplomats as they see business bend over backwards to please China is that the basis for unfettered capitalism — honesty and transparency in the workplace — could slide under Chinese rule.

"If things go funny after 1997, it will be done on a freelance basis through the new government of the Special Administrative Region," says one British diplomat. "There is a great deal of ignorance on this point. The big men in Peking will look at everything that Hong Kong has and say 'We can get in there and behave just like we do in China'. And then it will come down to patronage and power — and that's the awful possibility for this place in ten years' time."

Rand suffers as honeymoon is forgotten

Jon Ashworth charts the travails of the stricken South African currency

South Africans have always grumbled about the price of food, inflation, and the cost of buying a new car, but nothing inflames the national consciousness as much as the cost of a foreign holiday. Tourists planning trips to Europe or the Far East have watched in horror as the rand slumps further and further against the dollar and pound. Where it will lead, no one knows.

South Africa had been enjoying something of a honeymoon until February, when spurious rumours about President Mandela's health sent the rand sliding. The president received the all-clear, but the rumours persisted.

A more lasting blow followed when Chris Liebenberg, a non-partisan former banker, followed the example of his predecessor, Derek Keys, and resigned as finance director, handing control of the economy to Trevor Manuel, a member of the African National Congress. To die-hard Afrikaners imbued in a culture of swart gevaar (black peril) and Communist plots, this was their nightmare personified. The luckless Manuel did quite a good job in his previous trade and industry post, but the handover proved too much for the financial markets.

The slump in confidence presents a dilemma for investors

The rand, which held steady at about R3.90 to the dollar for much of 1995, hit a low of R4.58 on April 26. The currency settled at about R4.51 to the dollar after yesterday's announcement. On the Johannesburg Stock Exchange, the all-share index lost 88 points to 6,130 within two hours of the announcement. The industrial index plummeted 154 points to 7,219.

The market has been plagued by rumours and political changes, and last year's decision to scrap the financial rand heightened expectations that exchange controls would be abolished. The Government has repeatedly said it will not be rushed into any decisions.

Some observers think the withdrawal of the National Party could be the biggest threat yet to South Africa's economic stability. Graham Bell, head of equities at Standard Bank in London, said inflation was now certain to rise from about 6 per cent, a 20-year low, to nearer 9 or 10 per cent in the coming months. Inflation hit a high of 21 per cent in the mid-1980s, but has declined since President Mandela's release from prison, and the onset of general elections.

The inflationary impact on South Africa is such that something that cost R1 in 1980 costs R7.50 today. Good rains have led to a reduction in food prices, but consumers can justifiably complain about the high cost of living. Unemployment remains high and the Government's much-vaunted Reconstruction and Development Plan (RDP) has yet to bear fruit. Eskom, the power utility, has made some inroads in bringing electricity to households, but talk on other fronts, such as housing and water, has frequently stalled.

For foreign investors, the latest slump in confidence presents something of a dilemma. The weaker the rand, the better the buying power when it comes to joint ventures and equity investment, but it will be a brave banker who signs a cheque in the present circumstances.

Standard Bank calculates that about $5.5 billion in foreign money entered South Africa in the 18 months leading up to the end of 1995, but of that, only about 20 per cent — or $1.1 billion — was in direct investment.

Those to take the plunge include Kodak, IBM and Tony O'Reilly's Independent Newspapers, while BMW and Rolls-Royce have invested in new plants.

There has been strong activity in the hotel sector, with Hyatt opening a 248-room hotel in Johannesburg last year at a cost of R165 million. Inter-Continental, owned by the Saison Group of Japan, announced a joint venture with Southern Suns, and plans to build nine hotels by the end of the decade.

The real winners, as always, are the foreign tourists, who can look forward to even cheaper deals when they head down south. The buying power of the pound or dollar has never been better.

BUSINESS LETTERS

Residents wait 50 years for return of the subsidised bus

From Professor Philip Corrigan

Sir, Congratulations to Christopher Ayres, winner of the NatWest/*The Times* Business Ethics Essay (April 29). His suggestion for free/subsidised travel for "low-income families and pensioners" has a longer history that you, Sir, and he may realise.

In their valuable report *Housing Estates (1946)*, Rosamund Jevons and John Madge suggest the provision of free public transport for the occupants of one particular area, Filwood Park, of the Knowle and Bedminster Council Housing Estate built from 1920 onwards.

Within the estates as a whole, in which 45 per cent of all children were living in houses below the poverty level, Filwood Park (called then and now, by the residents, Knowle West) had a higher concentration of poverty and was lacking adequate shops.

This remains true today, several attempts to establish adequate local shopping having failed; and the area is one still marked by severe poverty and the above indicated social exclusion.

Perhaps you or Christopher Ayres could send a copy of his essay to Eric Forth, Minister of Employment, who so recently spurned some £20 million in European Union funds, part of which was to be addressed to such matters of social exclusion.

A copy might also be sent to the local manager of Asda, in Bedminster, who could, using the suggested scheme, make travel from the Inns Court and Knowle West estates that much easier for those "low-income families and pensioners" still resident there 50 years after Rosamund Jevons and John Madge first drew them to our attention.

Yours faithfully,
PHILIP CORRIGAN,
19 Sidmouth Gardens,
Bedminster,
Bristol.

Customer goodwill is very hard to replace

From Mr Terry Johnson

Sir, Congratulations to Mr Ayres for his prize-winning essay in the NatWest/*The Times* competition.

Presumably not too many marks would be awarded for the old-fashioned approach, which placed customer interests at least on a par with those of shareholders.

Closure of the hypothetical branch may be the short-term easy option — why not concentrate on turning around its unprofitability?

After all, in the long run, the answer suggested may not really be the least costly — customer goodwill, once lost, is very hard to replace.

Yours faithfully,
TERRY JOHNSON,
6 Colness Road,
Elburton,
Plymouth.

Seeking sense in fuel price war

From Mr John Kimber

Sir, Motorists are enjoying the benefits of the current fuel price war, and the Government is cheered by competition in action, and depression of the retail price index. I wonder if the shareholders in our supermarket groups are equally enthusiastic?

Many supermarkets are now retailing unleaded fuel at 51p per litre, ie, a real loss on product cost of 2.5p per litre. Given a typical supermarket throughput of 14 million litres per year this adds up to a loss of £350,000 per year per site. All without transport costs, overheads, and return on capital. Given the tenuous link between fuel sales and shop purchases, this seems a shaky investment for core business development. So what is going on?

Yours faithfully,
JOHN KIMBER
Watson Cottage, High Street
Waltham on the Wolds
Melton Mowbray, Leics.

Notification of Dividend

The Annual General meeting held on May 9, 1996 confirmed the distribution of a dividend of DM 14 per share of nominal value DM 50 for the financial year 1995.

The dividend will be paid on or after May 10, 1996 net of 25 % withholding tax plus an additional surcharge of 7.5 % against submission of dividend coupon No. 14 as appropriate at one of the paying agents listed in issue No. 88, dated May 10, 1996 of the German "Bundesanzeiger" (Federal Gazette).

In accordance with the Double Taxation Agreement of November 26, 1964, as amended on March 23, 1970, between the United Kingdom and the Federal Republic of Germany, the withholding tax plus the mentioned surcharge in respect of shareholders resident in the United Kingdom is reduced to 15 %. To claim this reduction, shareholders must submit an application for reimbursement before December 31, 2000, to the Bundesamt für Finanzen, Friedhofstr. 1, D-53225 Bonn.

In the United Kingdom the dividend payment, which is free of charge, will be made in Pounds Sterling with conversion from Deutschmarks at the rate prevailing on the day of submission of the dividend coupon and will take place through the London offices of the following Companies:

S. G. Warburg & Co. Ltd.,
2 Finsbury Avenue,
London EC2M 2PP.

Morgan Grenfell & Co. Limited,
23 Great Winchester Street,
London EC2P 2AX.

The Board of Executive Directors
BASF Aktiengesellschaft

D-67056 Ludwigshafen/Rhine
May 10, 1996

BASF

Strong gains in thin trading

TRADING PERIOD: Settlement takes place five business days after the day of trade. Changes are calculated on the previous day's close, but adjustments are made when a stock is ex-dividend. Changes, yields and price/earnings ratios are based on middle prices.

ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES

1996 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
556	480	Allied Domecq	497	+ 2	5.9	18.0
625	500	Bulmer (HP)	608½	+ ½	2.5	19.1
131	115	Burn Stewart	117	.	5.3	25.3
650	615	Glenmorangie A	633		2.2	17.8
464	411	Grand Met	433	+ 6½	4.3	18.6
493	435	Guinness†	479	..	3.9	15.6
376	315	Highland Distil	376	+ 5	2.7	17.5
195	150	Macallan-Glent	169		1.1	34.7
777	655	Matthew Clark	775	+ 1	3.5	
124	93	Marydon W	124	+ 1	2.0	
2612½	1706¼	SA Breweries	1706¼		1.7	27.9

BANKS

1996 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
3584¾	2743¾	ABN-AMRO	3421¼	..	4.1	11.7
563	529	Abbey Nat	548	+ 9	5.0	10.5
385	322	Allied Irish	348	+ 2	5.0	10.1
336	299	Aus New Z	317	- 2	5.5	
5243¾	3843¾	Bank America	4750	+ 18¾		
316	235½	Bank Scotland†	296	- 1	3.6	11.2
819	683	Barclays	749	+ 2	4.3	9.8
488	422	Bk of Ireland	466	+ 1	3.6	9.3
482	413	Cater Allen	413	..	8.1	6.8
5368¾	4031¼	Citicorp†	5075	+ 37½		
392	318	Close Bros	379		3.0	16.8
£157¾	£142¾	Commerzbk	£142⅞	- 75	3.6	
1350	1171½	Dai Ichi Kan Y	1387½	- 28¾	0.4	
3412½	2978¾	Deutsche Bk	3150		2.3	..
803¾	593¾	Espirito Santo	771½	- 3½	4.7	10.2
1507	1265½	Fuji Bank Y	1385¼	- 16¾	0.4	
472	393	Gerrard Nat	393	- 1	7.2	12.7
252	196	Hambros	239		3.9	
1125	931	HSBC†	937	+ 5	4.3	10.0
1099	930	HSBC Hk†	938	+ 7	4.3	10.0
421	385	Irish Perm†	398		3.2	
170	143	King Shaxson	170	+ 7	6.6	13.2
453	448	Leopold J	450		5.2	15.5
347½	294½	Lloyds TSB	318	+ 3	3.1	13.6
640	578	Nat Aust Bk	602	- 4	7.2	7.7
711	608	Nat West	619	- 5	5.1	8.7
66	58	Rea Brothers†	58		2.2	27.5
596	483	Ryl Bk Scot	524	- 3	4.1	11.7
1380	1185	Schroders	1250	- 5	1.6	17.4
1128	890	Schroders N/V	1028	+ 3	1.9	14.4
116	99½	Singer & Fried†	113		4.4	9.4
662½	547	Stand Chart†	600	- 1	2.3	13.1
105	85½	Union	93		4.0	
£174⅛	£131⅞	Wells Fargo†	£155⅞	+ 150	2.2	
329½	364	Westpac	308¼	- 4½	4.8	
305	288	Wintrust	300	.	4.9	17.2

BREWERIES, PUBS & REST

1996 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
50	36	Abrdn Stk HG	36			7.8
368	263	Ascot Hldgs	347			0.7
797½	702	Bass	776	+ 11	3.7	17.9
70	45	Brk for the Bdr	48		4.3	12.6
177	165	Burtonwood Brw	166		4.1	16.1
120	92	City Centre Rest†	117½		2.4	22.2
552	463	Compass Gp	533		1.8	23.5
263	190	Eldridge P A©	253		2.3	23.3
493	413	Fuller Sm 'A'©	492		2.2	19.4
636	561	Greenalls Grp	617½	- 6½	2.9	16.8
695	604	Greene King	679	+ 1	2.7	16.7
278	224	Grosvenor Inns	257	+ 4	2.7	27.3
254	204	Groupe Chez Gerr	222		1.4	32.5
357	300	Hardy Hanson	308	- 3	4.1	11.5
230	155	Heavitree	210		3.5	12.7

1996 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
547	426	Brammer†	547	+ 1	3.3	
22	18	Bridgend Gp	21	.	1.2	...
101	76	Brit Fittings†	101	..	4.5	13.9
290	245	Caffyns	285	..	5.0	19.7
14¾	10½	Coverdale†	14¼	...	2.6	
96	65½	Central Mo	91	- 5	0.7	..
98	78	Charles Sidney	93	- 1	5.0	14.8
63	54½	Cook (DC)	62	.	3.4	9.1
388	287	Cowie	388		3.4	14.6
175	120¾	Dag Motors†	169	..	5.7	
163	125¾	Dawsons B	161		2.0	14.5
434	385	Diploma	417	...	4.3	13.5
407	328	Electrocomponents	387	+ 2	1.9	26.3
314	222	Eurodis Elec	222	-	2.5	16.0
132	65	Eurodollar	130	..	7.5	7.8
105	76	European Mtr	99		6.6	8.5
375	288	Evans Halshaw†	375	..	5.5	13.6
67	57	Fife Indmar	61	..	6.8	
313	248	Finelist Gp	313		2.2	18.4
30	16½	Gardiner	29		3.7	11.6
84½	33½	Glencheworth†	55	+ 2½	2.0	40.4
89	84	Gowrings†	88	..	3.9	
253	216	Hardy (Phillip)	250	.	3.8	16.1
266	200½	Headlam	265	..	2.3	
658	497	Henlys	655	.	2.3	19.2
200	132	Holders Tech©▼	195		3.9	
185	153	ISA Intl†	172		1.7	
316	231	Inchcape†	295	...	4.0	..
60	33	Jacks (Wm)	51		4.4	
229	169	Kwik-Fit	229	..	2.7	18.1
366	299	Lex Service	364	+ 1	5.2	13.2
147¾	119	Lookers	144	- 3	6.9	8.4
17	10½	Malaya Grp†	13½	...	6.1	14.0
9¼	7¼	Middlesex©	8¼	..	1.2	
47	31	Molletts	38	...		
565	440	Nobain	540	- 4	1.7	18.3
304	232	Northamber	288	+ 11	0.8	29.1
162	130	PCT©	130	..	7.7	
329	272	Pendragon	326		3.5	16.5
211	145	Perry Gp	200	...	5.1	11.6
741	603	Premier Farnell†	735	+ 2	1.6	
163	135	Quicks Group†	163		4.8	
248	185	REA	248	+ 1	2.0	31.0
3	2	Reece	2½	+ ½		
61	30	Roxxer	42	- 2	4.6	
4½	2	Ross Gp	3¼			
55	40	SEP Ind	51	...	3.9	11.9
19½	12	Saltire	17½	...	0.7	23.2
321	246	Time Products	320	..	3.6	18.7
41	30	Torex Hire	35		4.6	18.4
326	268	Vardy (Reg)	326		2.3	18.1
413	325	Wholesale Ftgs	400		3.7	21.2
59	31½	Wilshaw	38½	+ 1½	2.7	8.7
143	78	Wyko	130		1.7	
125	104	Young (H)	123	..	4.0	14.4

DIVERSIFIED INDUSTRIALS

1996 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
0¾	0½	Anglo Utd	0½			
368	288	Antofagasta	345		1.9	11.5
1056	898	Broken Hill	1021	- 34	2.8	21.6
340	311½	BTR†	314	+ 2½	5.8	13.0
586	477	BAT†	491	- 3	6.1	10.2
217	181	Bedford Intl	208	- 1	1.8	20.3
125	111	Bibby (J)	122	.	5.9	9.8
63¼	50¾	Brierley Inv	58¼	- ½	8.0	3.0
960	817	Charter†	958	.	3.6	14.2
328	282	Cookson†	312	+ 5	3.2	16.3
180	141	Cosalt	180	.	6.4	11.1
258	204	DCC	258	..	3.5	
140	120	Grampian Hldgt	134	.	5.7	14.9
220	179	Hanson	198	+ ½	7.7	9.8
172½	141½	Harrisn Crsfld†	146		7.7	15.5
439¾	379½	Hutch Whamp	393½	- 1½	2.0	20.8

1996 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
265	200	Quadramatic	260	..	3.9	18.1
18	14½	Quadrant Grp	16	...	2.0	44.7
65	62	Radiant Metal	65	..	...	
69	53	Ransomes	67	.	...	18.6
83	55½	Record	80		5.8	14.6
302	231	Renold	298½	...	2.2	16.9
36	31	Richards Group	33		8.5	9.8
89	78	Richardson Westt	78		5.8	
246	187	Rolls-Royce†	220	- 1	2.8	26.3
238	171	Rotork†	238		2.8	21.7
192	160	Rubicon	190	...	3.6	18.8
7588¼	1187½	SKF 'B'	1512½	- 3¼	3.4	..
112	92½	Senior Engg†	106½	- ½	4.2	28.1

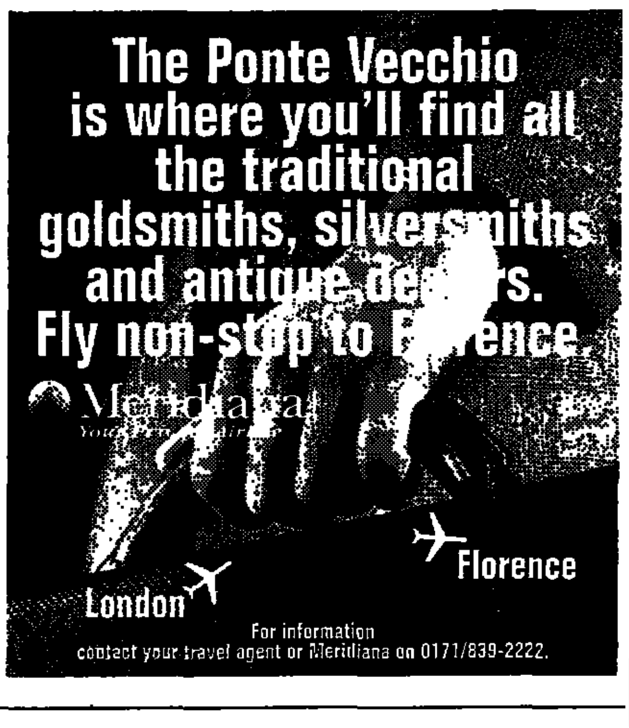
1996 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
522	475	Candover†	500		3.3	
66	39	Central Euro Gwth	66	+ ½	0.9	
214	177	Contl Assets	214	+ ½	1.8	78.8
75	67	Dartmoor Inv Inc	67		14.9	7.6
390	325	Derby Cap	378			
160	142	Derby Inc	142		17.0	7.3
744	683	Dunedin Inc G	710	+ 3	4.8	24.8
98	84	Dunedin Japan	94	- 1		
369½	314	Dunedin Smlr	369	+ ½	3.0	47.4
34	18	Dunedin Wts	23½	- 1½	...	
885	791	Dundn Wwide	869	+ 1	1.4	75.8
115½	102½	Edin Dragon	107	- ½		
30½	25	Edinburgh Inca	28			

1996 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
70½	53	Morg Wts	63½			
75½	57¾	Morg Latn Amer	70½	+ ½		
29	20	Morg Wts	25½	..		
131	111	Murray Ext	125		2.4	47.0
24	17	Murray Ent Wts	22			
95	82	Murray Emg Eco	92½		1.2	..
35½	21	Murray Em Ec Wt	28			
66	54	Murray Euro	64¾		0.7	
392	363	Murray Income	363		4.1	29.9
429	377	Murray Intl†	418		3.8	30.6
187	180	Murray S/C DP	187	+ ½		
151	135	Murray S/C Cap	142	- 2		
73	68	Murray S/C Inc	71		20.8	6.3

1996 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
641	495	Dorling Kind†	641		0.8	45.4
679	530	EMAP	678		2.0	26.4
1091	845¼	Elsevier	989¾	- ¼	3.3	
1338	1030	Euromoney Pb	1265		4.3	25.4
34½	19	Fitch	33½			12.0
535	440	Flextech	508			
240	198	GGT Group	222		3.0	17.0
259¾	174	GWR Gp▼	224		1.3	34.3
225	200	Gearhouse Group	223		2.5	14.6
26	18	Goodhead	26		0.5	
271	217	Grampian	255		2.7	
401	284	HTV Group†	369		1.3	
323	277½	Haynes Pub	318		3.9	15.4

1996 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
130	101	Intl Biotech	130	+ 1	1.0	
45	33	Intl Wts	45	+ 1	.	.
104	98	Intl C	104	+ 1	.	
114	96½	INVESCO Asia	108½	..		
64	59	INVESCO Blue	64	..	18.4	7.2
174	135	INVESCO Eng Inl	167	+ 1	0.8	..
137	122	INVESCO Korea	135			
63½	52½	INVESCO Tokyo	59	- ½		
95½	69	J Fry 2nd U	86½	.	9.8	10.8
79	68	J Fry Euro U	76		7.3	13.9
257	224	JF Fledg Jap	255	- 1		.

1996 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
16	13½	Farringford	14½			
81	62	First Choice	77½		7.1	.
400	347	First Leisure	373	- 8	2.6	21.7
190	142	Friendly Hotels	185		3.9	
844	619	Granada	828	+ 13	1.8	30.0
34	25	Hi-Tec Sports	34	+ 3	4.7	..
198	148	Hornby©	192	.		
553	423	Havelock	561		2.0	21.4
261½	201	Jarvis Hotel	258½	+ 1	3.1	16.6
30½	23½	Juneck	30½	+ ½	2.5	25.7
207	143	Ladbroke†	189	- 2	4.0	30.6



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88	74	Jupiter Ex Inc	81½	.	12.0	6.9
7	4	Jupiter Ex IncW	7	.	..	
83	70	Jupiter Grd Cap	77		12.6	9.8
29	24½	Jupiter Ord Pfd	28½			
128	108	Jupiter Intl Grn	119		3.9	
282	252	Kleinwort Chrt	279	+ ½	2.5	49.3
130	114	Kleinwort E Mkt	136		..	
150	133	Kleinwort End	145	+ 1		
93	80	Kleinwort Euro Pvt	92	- ½	3.1	40.7
27½	19¾	Kleinwort Euro Wts	27			
84	74	Kleinwort H Inc	82		13.1	8.9
298	274	Kleinwort O'seas	288½	+ ½	1.5	78.3
170	136	Kleinwort Smlr†	169		2.4	50.0
609¾	524	Korea—Euro	599	- 2¾	0.1	
118¼	96¾	Latin American	108	- ¼	.	
1019	929	Law Debenture	1008		2.8	35.9
117	99	Lloyds Sm Cap	116½	+ ½		
27	25	Lloyds Sm Div	25½		18.9	
142	126	Lloyds Sm Fig	140½	.	3.4	
174	162	Lon St Lawrence†	164		4.8	27.5
353	334	Lowland†	345		3.8	30.6
1109	975	Lyddalburn	1109		1.7	49.1

1996 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
561	425	London Clubs	513	+ 5	3.4	18.3
385	188	Man Utd†	336	+ 1	1.7	10.9
96¼	77¾	Mandarin Ornl	90½	- 2½	4.0	19.3
117	89	Northern†	114		4.4	12.9
141	114	Prism Leisure	140		4.5	9.7
34½	28	Queensborough▲	30			
32	11½	Queens Moat	23½	- 1¼		
547	442	Rank Org	533	- 6	3.7	17.1
47	31	Ryan Hotels I£†	45½	- ½	4.2	
1390	930	Savoy Hotel 'A'†	1340		1.3	53.8
215	175	Sinclair (Wm)	210	- 1	4.6	13.5
115	80	Stakis	108		2.0	22.7
476	335	Stanley Leisure	472	- 3	1.6	24.5
30½	13	Tandem	13½	- 1½	4.6	2.7
346	346	Tanjong	346		1.5	
374	223¾	Tottenhm Hot▲	370		1.5	6.8
113	86	Toy Options	93	- 2	3.5	13.0
345	257	VCI†	335	- 1	2.6	19.4
139	104	Vardon	125	- 4	1.7	16.5
376	306	Wembley	370			
130	110	Zetters Gp	122		10.2	10.4

1996 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
49	44½	M&G Rec Geared	45½	- ½	11.1	
26	23	M&G Rec Inc	24½		20.9	
140	133	M&G Rec Pacge	135		3.8	
92½	88½	M&G Rec Zero Div	92½	+ 1		
144	114	M Curie Euro	143		0.3	
112	99	M Curie Japan	105½	- 1½		
167	143	M Curie Pac	159	- ½	0.7	
242	222	Majedie	240	- 1	3.3	36.5
46	40	Marston	41			
290	271	Merchants†	277		5.5	
100½	91	Mercury Euro Pv	98½	- ½	1.8	87.5
30	22½	Mercury Em Wt	29½			
109½	92	Mercury World	106½	+ ½	1.2	
31	15½	Mercury Wld Wts	25½	+ ½		
615	571	Monks Inv Tst	598	+ 3	1.9	55.4
170½	151	Morg Gren Inc	162		3.9	27.4

1996 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
378	273	Barbour Index	278		3.0	56.9
9	5½	Brittair	6½			
340	325	Black (A&C)	340		5.3	12.9
344	238	Blenheim Go	329	- 2	4.1	15.5
318	248	Border TV	279		1.9	23.0
385	355	Boxlot	385		4.3	19.8
484½	376	BSkyB	442	- 10	1.4	40.6
188	133	CIA Gp£†	178	- 2	1.0	
26½	16½	Caledonian Med	16½	- 2½		
691	533	Capital Radio	673	+ 9	2.1	
487	379½	Carlton Comm	467		2.5	16.7
485	363	Chrysalis	485		0.7	
90	75	City of Lon©	90		6.9	11.4
138	90	Cordiant	134	- 1		
1737½	1300	Daily Mail	1709½		1.3	41.6
1668¾	1168½	Daily Mail 'A'	1631¼	- 6¼	1.4	

OTHER FINANCIAL

1996 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
143	106	Aberdeen Tst	118		2.6	23.2
118	77	BWD	111		5.8	13.4
40	34½	Berry Bch Nbt	35		9.1	9.9
330	252	Biotec Inv	317	+ 4		
190	151	Brewin Dolphin	180		4.6	13.3
805	700	Caledonia	799		2.7	34.8
2300	1700	Camellia	2000		2.3	18.4
270	213	Cattlest	270		3.2	19.4
37	18	Christie	37			
125	90	CFT Group	122		2.2	14.5
725	658	EFM†	730		4.3	17.6
118	91	Excol	107½		10.5	13.0
274	240	Gartmore	250		0.9	21.1

1996 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
1203	1075	Henderson Ad	1102		5.1	20.3
286	236	Invesco†	239	- 3	2.4	15.4
45	41	Investment Co	43½		6.6	13.3
245	228	Ivory Sime	232		4.0	16.1
230½	196	Jardine Strat	209½	- 3½	4.5	
160	98	Johnson Fry†	139	- 1	3.5	6.7
379	328	Liberty Intl	378		4.8	21.5
286	218	Lon Forfaiting	285		4.5	14.9
258	216	London Pacific	258	- 1	7.4	22.6
117	87½	Lon Scot Bk	107		2.9	22.2
179	139	Man ED & F	176	- 2	6.8	9.0
1354	1157	M & G	1213		3.3	24.3
470	304	MAI	451	+ 1	3.0	20.1
172½	113½	MAI 5.9% Cv Pf	167		4.4	
924	841	MAM	908	+ 2	3.8	30.0
109	94	Nat Home Loan	102	+ 3	1.2	4.5
2500	1630	Perpetual	2365		2.1	24.9
978	790	Provident	977		3.6	19.5
336	310	Rathbone Bros†	324	- 1	3.9	
56½	37½	Retland Tst†	52½	+ 2½	2.9	19.8
413	290	S & U	383		5.4	
121	100	SJP Capital	119		3.2	22.5
607	499½	Save Pacific	535¾	+ 2¾	2.3	20.7
43	33	Towry Law	41		3.0	
8	5	Tno Hldgs	7			

PHARMACEUTICALS

1996 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
3025	1660	Brit Biotech	2920	- 8		
715	340	Cantab Pharms	673			
692	473½	Celltech	628	+ 10		
588	224	Chiroscience	500	- 20		
447	166	Cortecs	375	- 7		
969	771	Glaxo Wellcome†	773	+ 1½	4.9	15.7
286	208	Medeva†	245	- 4	2.0	14.5
230	198	Peptide Thera	220	- 1		
790	524	Scotia	778	+ 5		
223	183	Shire Pharms	188	- 5		
87	75	ShyePharma	78	+ 2½		
726½	626½	SmithKline	649	+ ½	2.8	17.9
1418	1216	Zeneca	1366	- 6	2.8	22.1

1996 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
498	258	Lloyds Chem†	467		2.8	17.9
186	139½	MFI	177	+ 1	3.8	26
463	416½	Marks Spencer	429½	+ 6½	3.1	18
635	525	Menzies (John)	587		2.9	14.8
20	15½	Merchant Retail	17			11.8
1000	615	Moss Bros†	938		2.3	22.7
582½	420	Next	544	+ 3	2.7	23.8
63	50	Oliver (G)	51			
528	400	Oriflame Intl	520	..	2.7	20.8
80	66	Partridge Fine	80		4.5	13.5
56	32	QS Hldgs	45		4.3	.
16	9½	Rhino Grp	14	- ½		
241	191	Rosebys†	239	.	2.9	18.4
105	94	Sears	98	+ ½	5.2	
34	14¼	Signet Group	26	- ½		
506	399	Smith WH	486	- 1	4.0	39.2
1010	820	Sothebys	948	- 2	1.7	
362	281	Storehouse	337	+ 6	2.4	20.8
120	90	Stylo	113		5.4	
221	181	T & S Stores†	221	..	4.8	19.1
171	162	The Rack	162	- 1	2.2	16.2
3½	2¼	Upton & South	3½			
592	542	Vendome	571	- 7	2.2	20.7
19	12	WEW Group	17		2.6	
141	120	Wickes	137		2.1	
94	52	Wld of Leather†	93		2.2	
222	198	Wyevale	210	..	3.2	

SUPPORT SERVICES

1996 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
1165	883	ADT	1108			
135	100	Alpha Airpst	121		5.2	.
38	27	Alphameric	33		0.9	24.7
44	25	Auto Sec	35			
329½	173	BET Ord†	329	+ ½	2.3	32.9
166	129	BNB Resl	166	+ 1	4.8	9.8
360	283	BPP†	360		3.9	18.4
184	155	BSM	180		4.8	12.9
1525	1015	BTG	1525	+ 70	0.3	
1360	850	Borland©	1025	- 35		
107	89	Br Bloodstock©	99		..	31.9
164	123	Bull Data Mgt	163		4.1	23.6
95	80	Brooks Service†	94		4.0	
410	373	Business Post	374	+ 1	2.4	35.0
553	329	CMG†	549	+ 4	1.0	27.7
159	111½	CRT Gp†	159	+ 10	3.0	24.5

1996 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
475	125	Memory Corp	133	- 37		
124	90	Old English Pub	120	- 2	1.0	
445	365	Pet City	403			
595	524	Southern Bus	587	+ 3	3.4	15.4
68	50	Southern Vectis	68	+ 2		
215	122	Surrey Fr Inc	215	+ 2	1.2	26.8
74	46	Trocadero	67	- 1		

BRITISH FUNDS

SHORTS (under 5 years)

1996 High	Low	Stock	Price £	+/-	Int yld %	Grs red yld
[illegible]	[illegible]	Exch 13¼% 1996	[illegible]		13.23	6.08
[illegible]	[illegible]	Treas 2% 1996	[illegible]		0.92	5.85
[illegible]	[illegible]	Conv 10% 1996	[illegible]		9.80	5.95
[illegible]	[illegible]	Treas 7% 1997	[illegible]		6.95	6.31
[illegible]	[illegible]	Treas 13¼% 1997	[illegible]		12.63	6.08
[illegible]	[illegible]	Exch 10½% 1997	[illegible]		10.16	6.02
[illegible]	[illegible]	Treas 8¾% 1997	[illegible]		8.51	[illegible]
[illegible]	[illegible]	Exch 15% 1997	[illegible]		13.43	6.49
[illegible]	[illegible]	Exch 9¾% 1998	[illegible]	[illegible]	9.30	6.62
[illegible]	[illegible]	Treas 7¼% 1998	[illegible]		7.19	6.74
[illegible]	[illegible]	Treas 6¾% 1995-98	[illegible]	[illegible]	6.75	6.73
[illegible]	[illegible]	Treas 14% 1998-01	[illegible]	[illegible]	12.35	6.88
[illegible]	[illegible]	Treas 15½% 1998	[illegible]	[illegible]	13.08	6.95
[illegible]	[illegible]	Exch 12% 1998	[illegible]		10.78	7.03
[illegible]	[illegible]	Treas 9½% 1999	[illegible]	[illegible]	8.98	7.07
[illegible]	[illegible]	Exch 12¼% 1999	[illegible]		10.85	7.18
[illegible]	[illegible]	Treas 10½% 1999	[illegible]	[illegible]	9.64	7.18
[illegible]	96	Treas 6% 1999	[illegible]		6.22	7.21
[illegible]	[illegible]	Conv 10¼% 1999	[illegible]		9.42	7.35
[illegible]	[illegible]	Conv 9% 2000	[illegible]	[illegible]	8.56	7.40
[illegible]	[illegible]	Treas 8% 2000	[illegible]	[illegible]	7.95	7.49
[illegible]	[illegible]	Treas 13% 2000	[illegible]	[illegible]	10.87	7.52
114	[illegible]	Treas 10% 2001	[illegible]	[illegible]	9.15	7.62

MEDIUMS (5 to 15 years)

1996 High	Low	Stock	Price £	+/-	Int yld %	Grs red yld
[illegible]	[illegible]	Treas 7% 2001	[illegible]	[illegible]	7.22	7.67
[illegible]	[illegible]	Treas 9¾% 2002	[illegible]	[illegible]	8.92	7.83
[illegible]	[illegible]	Treas 8% 2003	[illegible]	[illegible]	7.96	7.88
[illegible]	[illegible]	Treas 10% 2003	[illegible]	[illegible]	8.99	7.93
[illegible]	[illegible]	Treas 11½% 2001-04	[illegible]	[illegible]	10.02	7.77
[illegible]	[illegible]	Fund 3½% 1999-04	[illegible]	[illegible]	4.40	6.81
[illegible]	[illegible]	Conv 9½% 2004	[illegible]	[illegible]	8.75	8.08
[illegible]	[illegible]	Treas 6¾% 2004	[illegible]	[illegible]	7.35	8.07
[illegible]	[illegible]	Treas 8½% 2005	[illegible]	[illegible]	8.29	8.10
[illegible]	[illegible]	Conv 9½% 2005	[illegible]	[illegible]	8.74	8.11
[illegible]	[illegible]	Treas 12½% 2003-05	[illegible]	[illegible]	10.04	8.09
[illegible]	[illegible]	Treas 7½% 2006	[illegible]	[illegible]	7.85	8.13
[illegible]	[illegible]	Treas 7¾% 2006	[illegible]	[illegible]	7.99	8.17
[illegible]	[illegible]	Treas 8% 2002-06	[illegible]	[illegible]	8.07	8.16
[illegible]	[illegible]	Treas 11¾% 2003-07	[illegible]	[illegible]	9.88	8.02
[illegible]	[illegible]	Treas 8½% 2007	[illegible]	[illegible]	8.33	8.21
[illegible]	[illegible]	Treas 13½% 2004-08	[illegible]	[illegible]	10.30	8.09
[illegible]	105	Treas 9% 2008	[illegible]	[illegible]	8.51	8.23
[illegible]	[illegible]	Treas 8% 2009	[illegible]	[illegible]	8.18	8.27

LONGS (over 15 years)

1996 High	Low	Stock	Price £	+/-	Int yld %	Grs red yld
[illegible]	[illegible]	Treas 6¼% 2010	[illegible]	[illegible]	7.57	8.32
[illegible]	[illegible]	Conv 9% 2011	[illegible]	[illegible]	8.52	8.33
[illegible]	[illegible]	Treas 9% 2012	[illegible]	[illegible]	8.52	8.34
[illegible]	[illegible]	Treas 5½% 2008-12	[illegible]	[illegible]	7.13	8.11
[illegible]	[illegible]	Treas 8% 2013	[illegible]	[illegible]	8.28	8.36
[illegible]	[illegible]	Treas 7¾% 2012-15	[illegible]	[illegible]	8.23	8.38
[illegible]	[illegible]	Treas 8% 2015	[illegible]	[illegible]	8.29	8.35
[illegible]	[illegible]	Treas 8¾% 2017	[illegible]	[illegible]	8.46	8.39
[illegible]	[illegible]	Exch 12% 2013-17	[illegible]	[illegible]	9.09	8.46
[illegible]	[illegible]	Treas 8% 2021	[illegible]	[illegible]	8.30	8.34

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1996 High	Low	Stock	Price £	+/-	Int yld %	Grs red yld
[illegible]	[illegible]	War Ln 3½%	[illegible]	[illegible]	8.38	
[illegible]	[illegible]	Treas 2½%	[illegible]	[illegible]	8.35	
[illegible]	[illegible]	Consols 4%	[illegible]	[illegible]	8.48	

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1996 High	Low	Stock	Price £	+/-	10%	5%
[illegible]	[illegible]	Treas IL 4⅝% 1998	[illegible]		1.34	2.87
[illegible]	[illegible]	Treas IL 2½% 2001	[illegible]	[illegible]	3.13	3.83
[illegible]	[illegible]	Treas IL 2½% 2003	[illegible]	[illegible]	3.30	3.68
[illegible]	[illegible]	Treas IL 4⅝% 2004	[illegible]		3.35	3.70
[illegible]	[illegible]	Treas IL 2% 2006	[illegible]	[illegible]	3.45	3.72
[illegible]	[illegible]	Treas IL 2½% 2009	[illegible]	[illegible]	3.53	3.78
[illegible]	[illegible]	Treas IL 2½% 2011	[illegible]	[illegible]	3.58	3.78
143	[illegible]	Treas IL 2½% 2013	[illegible]	[illegible]	3.62	3.80
[illegible]	[illegible]	Treas IL 2½% 2016	[illegible]	[illegible]	3.66	3.82
146	[illegible]	Treas IL 2½% 2020	[illegible]	[illegible]	3.68	3.84
[illegible]	[illegible]	Treas IL 2½% 2024	[illegible]	[illegible]	3.68	3.81
[illegible]	[illegible]	Treas IL 4⅛% 2030	[illegible]	[illegible]	3.69	3.82

Source: Fintel

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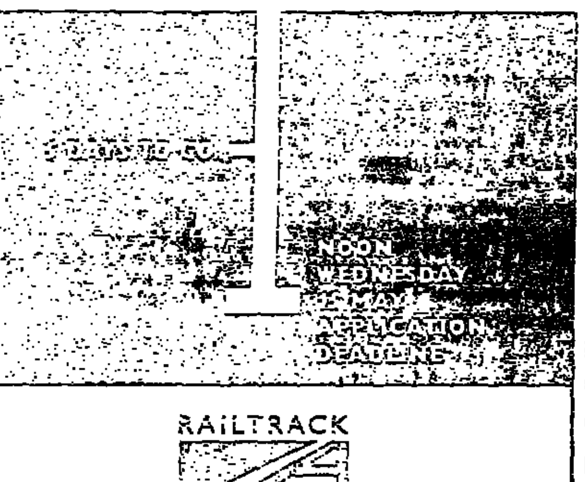
	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
AIB UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD				
01895 259 783				
Endead Amer	215.30	227.90	+ 0.10	0.14
Endead Equity	269.50	286.70†	− 0.10	1.87
Endead Euro	270.80	285.70	− 1.80	0.58
Endead Eqt Bal	135.30	140.10		2.51
Endead Gilt	75.85	78.19	+ 0.11	6.12
Endead Japan	192.30	203.50	− 2.80	...
AXA EQUITY & LAW UNIT TST MGRS				
01203 553 231				
General Acc	649.80	691.30	..	2.48
General Inc	552.00	587.30	.	2.46
UK Growth Acc	440.20	468.40†	+ 0.70	2.67
UK Growth Inc	288.10	307.60†	+ 0.50	2.87
Higher Inc Acc	790.30	840.80†	+ 0.30	4.09
Higher Inc Inc	431.10	458.70	+ 0.20	4.09
Gilt/Fxd Int Acc	204.30	215.70	+ 0.40	5.67
Gilt/Fxd Int Inc	91.88	96.83	+ 0.18	5.67
Nth America	379.80	404.10†	− 2.80	..
Europe	354.60	377.20	− 1.50	0.41
Brit Grwth	87.49	93.08†	+ 0.14	2.85
Int Fxd Int Acc	115.50	122.90		4.56
Int Fxd Int Inc	79.17	84.23	+ 0.04	4.56
Global Opps	106.50	113.30†	− 0.70	0.16
Balanced Acc	63.29	67.33†	− 0.04	2.56
Balanced Inc	59.82	63.64†	− 0.03	2.56
Japan Acc	50.50	53.73†	− 0.49	...
Pac Basin Acc	428.90	456.30†	− 3.98	0.74
ABBEY UNIT TST MGRS				
0345 717 373				
Gilts & Fixed Int	128.00	135.80	+ 0.40	7.36
High Inc Equity	181.90	194.50†	− 0.30	4.43
Worldwide Bond	285.40	302.60†	− 0.80	4.63
American Growth	361.20	386.40	− 1.90	0.19
Asian Pacific	353.30	377.90	− 2.50	0.08
Assets & Earnings	303.20	322.50†	− 1.80	2.79
Euro Capital Acc	178.90	191.30	− 1.40	0.71
Extra Inc	43.97	46.78†	.	4.08
General	279.80	297.70	.	2.85
Global Opps	69.23	73.65	− 0.39	0.54
Japan	135.20	144.70	− 1.80	..
Managed Inc	48.18	51.29†	− 0.04	4.54
Mastertrust	170.00	181.80	− 1.30	1.41
US Emerging Cos	215.30	229.00	− 2.40	
Ethical	83.61	88.95	+ 0.04	2.48
International	143.30	152.40	− 1.10	0.58
Dividend & Growth	68.23	72.59	− 0.05	4.23
Global Gwth & Sec	72.61	77.57	− 0.11	2.42
Latin America	63.69	67.76	+ 0.26	...
Capital Reserve	143.30	143.30	.	5.23
ABERFORTH UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD				
0131 220 0733				
UK Small Cos	2298.00	2385.00	+ 6.00	..
ARTRUST UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD				
[illegible]0 838 580				
Amer Inc & Growth	58.37	60.82†	− 0.24	0.51
Emerging Mkts	75.61	79.70	− 0.23	0.04
European	150.90	158.90	− 0.80	
Exempt	1060.80	1127.50†	+ 1.40	1.65
Extra Income #	47.98	51.45	− 0.04	6.44
Far East Emg Eco	139.30	148.20	− 1.10	0.43
Fixed Interest #	24.49	25.46†	+ 0.24	9.23
Fund Inv Tst	155.50	163.30†	− 0.20	9.40
Japan	193.40	205.40	− 2.20	...
Latin American	57.45	59.90	+ 0.31	0.81
Pacific	89.83	94.32†	− 0.56	0.28
Property Shares	69.09	72.52	+ 0.13	2.42
UK Emerging Cos	73.76	78.74	+ 0.26	1.21
UK Growth	51.44	54.38†	+ 0.04	2.16
Aber World Port #	83.04	84.53	− 0.22	1.89
Ethical	78.57	81.72	− 0.34	2.16
Aberdeen Gilt Inc #	50.37	50.37	+ 0.04	7.45
For AEGON see Matheson				
AIRWAYS UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD				
0171 256 5868				
Basil Property #	94.55	101.50		5.00
ALLCHURCHES INV MGMT SVS LTD				
01452 305 958				
Amity Income	90.37	96.88	+ 0.10	2.02
Income Builder Inc	79.94	85.04	+ 0.02	2.76
ALLIED DUNBAR UNIT TSTS PLC				
IFA dlg: 01793 610 366 Client dlg: 01793 514 514				
Balanced Trusts				
Growth & Income	273.20	292.00†	+ 1.40	3.18
Capital	490.10	523.90†	+ 1.30	1.20
Balanced	799.40	854.50†	+ 3.00	2.44
Accumulator	1528.00	1633.00†	+ 4.00	1.91
Income Trusts				
American Income	60.13	64.27	+ 0.29	2.49
High Income	441.50	471.90	+ 2.30	4.01
Equity Income	249.40	266.60	+ 1.10	3.97
High Yield	265.90	284.20†	+ 1.10	4.11
Govt Securities	33.11	34.95†	+ 0.08	6.25
International Trusts				
Amer Spec Sits	210.50	224.60†	...	0.05
European Growth	51.41	54.78	− 0.08	0.07
International	193.20	206.40	− 0.80	0.11
Japan	224.50	239.90	− 1.90	.
Pacific	442.40	472.90	− 3.80	..
Secs of America	573.30	611.20	+ 3.10	0.13
Wrldw Asset Val	57.89	61.87	− 0.40	0.02
Specialist Trusts				
Asset Value	617.50	660.10	+ 1.80	1.53
Conv & Gilt	48.63	51.98	+ 0.14	4.17
Smaller Cos	218.20	233.20	+ 0.50	0.86
2nd Smaller Cos	207.20	221.40	+ 0.50	0.83
Recovery	171.00	182.70†	− 0.30	1.54
Met Min & Cmty	191.60	204.70†	− 1.60	0.15
Oseas Earnings	415.00	443.60	+ 1.30	1.13
Technology	235.00	251.20†	− 1.00	..
UK Special Sits	586.10	626.50	+ 1.90	1.00
B & C E UNIT TRUST MGMT LTD				
01293 526 911				
Cntrctd Def Pens	118.70	123.30	..	3.04
Foundtn Pensl Pens	70.55	73.29	...	1.44
BSI-THORNHILL UNIT TST MGRS LTD				
0171 600 0033				
Capital	80.64	85.79	− 0.04	1.65
International	71.38	75.94		
BAILLIE GIFFORD & CO LTD				
0131 222 4242				
America	343.80	368.00	− 2.70	..
Bond	113.90	119.80†	+ 0.50	7.01
Brit Smlr Cos	124.70	132.70	− 0.10	1.67
Conv & Gen #	72.60	77.23	− 0.09	5.11
Europe	275.70	292.70	− 2.20	0.57
Euro Smlr Cos	123.40	131.40	− 0.20	0.61
Income Gwth	393.90	419.00†	+ 0.20	4.17
Japan	349.00	371.50	− 4.20	..
Latin American	84.69	90.10	− 0.17	0.86
Pacific	121.10	128.80	− 1.30	1.13
UK Smlr Cos	62.72	66.72	+ 0.46	1.20
Japan Fd	740.30	763.30	− 4.90	
Mngd Fd	200.60	213.00†	− 0.40	2.91
BANK OF IRELAND FUND MGRS LTD				
0171 489 8673				
Brit & Oseas	364.30	385.40	− 12.40	0.93
Capital Gwth	125.70	132.90	− 1.80	2.48
Wrldw Opps	221.30	234.10	− 8.50	0.68
BARCLAYS UNICORN LTD				
0181 534 5544				
Balanced Trusts				
Bal Inv Fd Inc	408.60	425.60†	− 0.80	2.55
European Bal Inc	95.49	98.85	+ 0.07	6.85
Exempt	78.85	83.89†	− 0.14	3.87
Financial	97.50	104.30	− 0.10	2.67
500	530.00	573.00	− 0.60	2.37
General	318.90	341.30†	− 0.60	2.58
Property	246.60	264.60		6.23
Trustee	219.80	234.90	− 0.30	2.43
Income Trusts				
Cash Inc	100.50	100.50†		5.33
Extra Income #	134.10	143.40†	− 0.20	4.86
Gilt & Fxd Int	57.03	59.05	+ 0.23	8.23
Income #	584.30	624.90	− 0.90	4.71
Income Builder #	69.48	74.11	− 0.08	5.32
Intl Income	70.55	75.05	− 0.17	2.90
Growth Trusts - UK				
Capital	137.50	146.70	− 0.10	2.18
Leisure	177.60	190.00	− 0.60	0.84
Recovery	482.90	516.50	− 1.10	2.63
Smlr Cos Inc	60.31	64.67	+ 0.44	1.91
Special Sits	386.00	412.90	+ 0.30	1.16
Growth Trusts - Overseas				
America	169.50	180.30†	− 0.20	0.10
Aust Acc	300.70	320.70	− 7.00	1.92
Aust Inc	181.30	193.30	− 4.30	1.92
Euro Gwth Inc	188.60	200.30	− 1.70	0.56
-do- Accum	203.70	216.30	− 1.80	0.56
Japan & Gen Inc	169.20	179.10	− 2.00	.
-do- Accum	171.10	181.10	− 2.10	
Japan Spec Sits	78.35	83.00	− 0.90	.
Worldwide	200.80	213.10	− 1.30	0.53
BARING FUND MANAGERS LTD				
0171 214 1004				
American Growth	126.80	134.10	+ 0.20	
Amer Smlr Cos	175.10	187.30	− 1.40	..
Convertibles	60.97	65.37	+ 0.07	4.90
Eastern	322.60	347.50	− 4.50	0.30
Equity Income	95.14	101.60†	.	3.80
European Growth	369.60	392.30†	− 2.20	0.60
Europe	342.00	363.60	+ 0.80	1.90
German Growth	85.70	90.80	− 0.15	0.50
Global Bond	70.10	73.77	− 0.20	6.50
Global Growth	149.90	158.50	− 0.90	0.40
Japan Growth	217.80	232.60	− 2.60	
Japan Sunrise	184.20	198.30	− 1.00	.
Korea Trust	82.16	89.17	− 2.25	
Portfolio	145.30	156.90	− 0.10	2.30
-do- Accum	273.60	293.10	− 0.20	2.30
UK Growth	98.55	105.60	+ 0.20	2.60
UK Smaller Cos	98.33	106.90†	+ 1.40	2.50
Select Managers	90.42	96.92†	− 0.26	1.00
BLACKSTONE FRANKS UT MGRS LTD				
0171 250 3300				
Intl Gwth Port Inc	94.39	100.40	.	.
Special Oppor Inc	65.95	70.16		
BRITANNIA FUND MGRS LTD				
0141 223 8020				
Balanced Growth	137.28	145.27†	− 0.05	1.47
-do- Accum	158.24	167.45	− 0.06	1.47
Smaller Cos	155.55	164.61†	− 0.22	0.64
Higher Yield #	55.30	58.41†	− 0.02	3.94
American Gth Inc	98.26	103.98	− 1.06	
European Growth	160.79	170.15	− 1.04	0.12
-do- Accum	164.92	173.57	− 1.06	0.12
Global Bond Inc #	27.44	28.41	− 0.02	7.01
Mngd Ptflo Inc	53.25	56.32†	− 0.20	1.27
-do- Accum	54.88	58.04	− 0.27	1.27
Intl Spec Opps	169.64	178.45	− 0.17	
Pacific Gth	154.01	162.90	− 1.52	0.23
UK General #	94.82	100.34	− 0.18	3.32
-do- Accum #	99.82	105.62	− 0.19	3.32
Japan	65.95	69.79	− 0.91	.
Gilt & Fixed Int #	98.14	101.70†	+ 0.52	8.72
BURRAGE UNIT TST MGMT LTD				
0171 480 7216				
Short Dated Gilt	64.72	65.55	+ 0.09	6.48
CIS UNIT MANAGERS LTD				
0161 837 5060				
Europe	190.10	200.10	− 0.20	1.67
UK Growth	203.20	213.90	+ 0.10	2.09
UK Income	143.40	151.00†	+ 0.10	4.57
CANADA LIFE MGMT (UK) LTD				
01707 822 100				
Can Gen Dist	230.50	244.30	− 0.50	1.62
-do- Income Dist	121.20	128.50†	+ 0.10	3.89
-do- Accum	389.60	413.00	+ 0.20	3.89
Gilt & Fxd Int	40.19	42.73	+ 0.08	6.44
Growth Units	241.50	258.30	..	2.07
Bond	171.10	180.30	+ 0.50	7.50
Intl Growth	252.10	268.30†	− 1.80	0.19
North American	252.10	269.30	− 1.60	0.19
Far East	322.80	345.20	− 3.10	0.70
UK Smaller Cos	226.50	242.20	− 1.60	0.95
European	96.47	102.30	− 0.70	0.69
Japanese Growth	52.03	55.26†	− 0.50	.
High Income	211.20	225.80	+ 0.50	4.16
CAPEL-CURE MYERS UT MGMT LTD				
0161 831 7433 Enq 0161 831 7433 Dlg 0161 837 7455				
American & Gen	218.60	232.00†	− 1.30	0.69
European Inc	92.03	97.39	− 0.37	1.37
Smaller Cos (4-1)	106.12	112.90	− 0.11	1.56
Growth	530.80	564.70	− 4.00	1.56
Income & Growth #	455.00	484.10	− 2.30	3.84
-do- Accum #	672.50	715.50	− 3.50	3.84
Japan & Gen	76.83	81.51	− 0.90	
Mattis Portfolio	£116.65	£120.49†	− 15.00	1.87
-do- Accum	£142.93	£147.63	− 18.00	1.87
Special Sits	124.10	132.10	− 0.10	1.56
High Yield	£14.56	£15.02†	− 1.00	4.37

	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
CAZENOVE UNIT TRUST MGMT LTD				
0171 606 0708				
Cazenove Portfolio	101.14	107.85	+ 0.02	2.36
American Portfolio	118.89	126.08	+ 1.34	0.90
European Portfolio	128.15	136.04†	− 0.36	0.84
High Income	50.01	50.13†	+ 0.18	8.04
Japanese Portfolio	74.84	79.52	− 0.71	
Pacific Portfolio	163.42	175.73	− 1.87	1.34
UK Equity	96.39	103.03†	+ 0.36	3.09
UK Equity & Bd	56.14	58.51	+ 0.11	6.41
CENT BD OF FIN OF CHURCH OF ENG				
0171 588 1815				
Inv Fund	756.68	768.12		4.22
Fxd Int Sec	152.32	152.94		9.35
COIF CHARITY FUNDS				
0171 588 1815				
Investment Inc	751.02	762.38		4.30
Investment Acc	133.85	134.37		
Fixed Int Inc	124.58	125.08	.	9.27
Fixed Int Acc	216.85	217.71		
CITY FINANCIAL UT MGRS LTD				
0171 407 5966				
Beckman Intl	87.25	92.15		3.22
Beck Bio-Tech	49.07	52.83	− 3.44	
Acorn Ethical Tst	187.96	197.37		0.57
City Fin Assets	79.94	83.94†	.	1.48
City Fin America	119.29	125.27†		
City Fin Intl	97.53	102.41†		0.47
City Fin Japan	168.05	176.47		
Friars Hse Cap	328.71	349.69		2.14
Friars Hse Inc	199.83	212.59†		3.81
Buckley Wrld Gth	152.97	162.15	...	...
J Sel Inc/Gth Inc	57.90	60.80	− 0.36	1.54
CITY OF LONDON UNIT TST MGRS LTD				
0171 711 0771 Admin: 01277 227 300				
Emerging Markets	59.68	63.32	− 0.42	.
CLERICAL MEDICAL UT MGRS LTD				
0800 373 393				
American Gwth	80.12	85.23	− 0.13	
Dragon Growth	75.18	80.40	− 0.76	0.35
Equity High Inc	89.57	95.29	+ 0.13	4.15
-do- Accum	126.07	134.12	+ 0.18	4.15
Extra Income Inc	25.77	27.13†	+ 0.10	7.60
Extra Income Acc	27.56	29.01	+ 0.10	7.60
European Gwth	63.12	66.97	− 0.36	1.01
Evergreen	31.43	33.61	− 0.19	
General Equity	100.68	106.82	+ 0.26	2.90
Japan Growth	56.67	60.29	− 0.64	
Pathfinder Gwth	62.47	66.46	+ 0.09	2.38
Pen Sm Cos Inc	38.97	41.48†	+ 0.06	1.26
-do- Accum	41.29	43.93	+ 0.07	1.26
Retirement Inc #	27.72	29.49	+ 0.01	5.91
Special Sits	48.57	51.67	− 0.02	1.93
UK & Overseas	59.72	63.96	− 0.47	0.57
COLONIAL UT MGRS LTD				
01634 898 000				
Balanced	67.89	70.63	+ 0.13	4.06
Capital	81.40	84.79	+ 0.01	2.31
High Income	49.43	51.42†	+ 0.22	7.37
Top 50	54.28	56.47		2.16
COMMERCIAL UNION FINANCIAL MGMT INTL LTD				
0181 686 9818				
PRESTIGE PORTFOLIO (PPT FUNDS)				
Income Funds				
Equity Inc	187.61	199.59†	− 0.15	4.60
Long Gilt	41.33	43.85†	+ 0.14	6.54
Monthly Inc Plus	48.61	51.71	+ 0.11	6.66
Preference Share	48.81	49.80†	+ 1.17	8.00
Balanced Funds				
High Yield	135.62	144.28†	+ 0.13	5.91
Managed Fund	76.36	81.23†	− 0.18	2.89
UK Growth Funds				
Smaller Cos	51.38	54.66†	+ 0.02	1.81
-do- Accum	60.77	64.65†	+ 0.03	1.81
UK & General	95.53	101.63†	+ 1.47	2.63
-do- Accum	124.00	131.91†	+ 1.91	2.63
UK Growth	184.30	195.96†	+ 0.20	1.43
International Growth Funds				
Europe Growth	213.46	227.09†	− 0.78	0.62
Far Eastern Gth	146.78	156.15†	− 1.41	0.03
Global Bond	82.47	87.65†	− 0.23	5.66
Japan Growth	126.30	134.36†	− 1.48	.
North Amer Gth	231.33	246.10†	− 0.47	
Oriental Growth	88.51	94.16†	− 0.52	0.28
Worldwide Growth	76.58	81.47†	− 0.38	0.10
OTHER CU TRUSTS (NON PPT FUNDS)				
Deposit Fund	91.87	91.87†	+ 0.01	5.27
Homeowners Fund	92.28	98.17	− 0.25	1.54
Quilter Fund	154.43	164.29	− 0.18	1.90
CONSISTENT UNIT TST MGMT CO LTD				
0171 407 5966				
Consistent UT	38.02	39.49		3.14
COOKE (HENRY) INV FUNDS LTD				
0800 526 358				
Growth	183.20	194.90†	− 1.10	1.20
Income	71.48	76.04	+ 0.26	4.92
European	73.61	78.31	− 0.70	0.67
Recovery	182.70	194.40†	+ 0.60	1.51
CO-OP PENSION FDS UT MGRS LTD				
0171 283 9494				
Equity Dist	972.30	987.50	.	3.42
CREDIT SUISSE INV FDS (UK) LTD				
01277 680 370				
Fellowship Tst	111.30	118.40†	+ 0.10	1.09
Income #	282.50	300.50†	+ 0.10	3.98
-do- Accum #	738.50	785.60	+ 0.40	3.98
Smaller Cos	240.40	255.70	+ 0.60	0.90
-do- Accum	297.20	316.10	+ 0.70	0.90
Gilt Portfolio	101.40	107.80	.	1.58
High Inc Port #	82.09	87.32	+ 0.06	4.35
DIMENSIONAL TST MGMT LTD				
0171 410 0177				
Euro Small Cos	1702.00	1759.20	− 12.90	
Japan Small Cos	1462.50	1491.60	− 33.80	
Uk Small Cos	2215.20	2303.30	− 1.70	2.68
US Small Cos	2170.20	2216.00	− 89.50	0.93
DISCRETIONARY UNIT FUND MGRS				
0171 377 8819				
Disc Inc	234.70	247.00		2.85
For Dunedin see Edinburgh				
EAGLE STAR UNIT MGRS LTD				
01242 577 555				
UK Balanced Inc	164.20	174.60	− 0.30	1.85
UK High Inc Inc	169.50	180.30†	− 0.10	3.79
-do- Accum	228.90	243.50†	− 0.30	3.79
UK Pref & F I Inc	58.15	61.74	+ 0.21	5.99
Environmtl Oppor	99.83	106.20†	− 0.20	0.94
UK Smlr Cos #	69.56	73.99	− 0.05	0.80
Extra Income Inc	47.28	50.29	+ 0.22	6.66
EDINBURGH UNIT TST MGRS LTD				
0345 080 526				
American	177.30	188.50	+ 0.70	0.42
Convertibles #	23.10	24.54	− 0.02	5.70
Equity Income #	142.50	151.40	+ 0.20	3.86
EuroFund	61.73	65.39	− 0.19	0.91
Financial	55.11	58.55	− 0.04	1.54
Growth & Inc #	284.80	302.60	+ 0.30	2.81
High Dist #	175.80	186.80†	.	4.55
International	455.10	483.50	− 2.50	0.06
Intl Cap Inc	108.80	114.00†	− 0.20	2.54
Latin American	32.72	34.77	− 0.08	.
Pacific	90.58	96.24	− 0.46	.
Pref High Inc	21.85	23.32†	+ 0.02	7.08
Tokyo	252.50	268.00	− 1.80	
UK Smaller Cos	260.90	277.20†	− 2.60	1.08
Dunedin Unit Trusts				
European Gwth	329.40	347.80†	− 1.50	0.61
New Asia	252.50	268.80†	− 2.40	0.21
Japan Growth	124.20	131.90†	− 1.40	.
Jap Smllr Co	524.20	558.40†	− 2.80	.
Nth Amer	406.90	430.30	+ 1.10	0.68
UK Inc & Gth	245.90	262.40†	+ 0.30	2.70
ELY PLACE UNIT MGRS LTD				
0171 242 0242				
Bfll Director Dlgs	115.60	123.64	− 3.28	1.36
Growth Acc	258.43	276.92	+ 7.97	0.50
Income	613.67	650.97	+ 1.19	4.88
ENDURANCE FUND MGMT LTD				
0171 373 7261				
Endurance Fd	231.90	246.70	− 4.80	0.98
EQUITABLE UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD				
01296 431 480				
European	93.04	97.94	− 0.40	1.97
Ethical Tst	51.58	54.29	− 0.06	0.68
Far Eastern	338.55	354.26	− 2.88	1.50
High Income	138.61	145.90†	+ 0.40	4.76
UK Index Trckng	48.39	50.94	+ 0.19	3.26
Intl Growth	149.50	157.37	− 0.33	0.30
North American	145.01	152.64	+ 1.05	1.54
Pelican	135.28	142.40†	+ 0.46	3.14
Smaller Cos	75.13	79.08	+ 0.14	2.83
Special Sits	100.43	105.72	− 0.07	2.47
Tst of Inv Tsts	216.50	227.89	− 0.09	1.09
EVERMORE FUND MGMT LTD				
0171 407 5966				
Smaller Cos Inc	230.11	244.80†	+ 0.52	1.51
Smaller Cos Acc	410.08	436.26†	+ 0.94	1.51
Recovery	58.61	62.35	+ 0.01	1.36
Recovery Acc	60.04	63.87	+ 0.02	1.36
EXETER FUND MANAGERS LTD				
01392 412 144				
Capital Growth	88.57	94.98†	− 0.48	.
Fd of Inv Tsts	52.50	56.00	− 0.18	0.52
High Income #	38.27	41.01†		11.22
Warrant	54.72	58.48	− 0.65	.
Zero Preference	42.38	44.97	− 0.02	
FAMILY INVESTMENT MGMT LTD				
01273 220 707				
Family Asset Tst	91.24	97.06†	− 0.06	2.39
United Charities	301.70	320.90†	+ 1.500	3.26
FIDELITY INVESTMENT SERVS LTD				
Callfree: Private Clients 0800 414 161				
Cash Fund				
Cash Fund	100.00	100.00	.	5.50
Bond Funds				
Gilt & Fxd Int	27.17	27.25†	+ 0.07	7.33
Intl Bond	29.31	30.41†	− 0.09	5.52
Income Funds				
High Income	25.54	26.83†	+ 0.06	5.38
Income Plus	125.40	133.40	+ 0.10	3.97
Amer Eq Inc	61.66	65.34†	− 0.04	1.35
European Income	48.74	51.83	− 0.29	2.62
Far East Inc	69.53	74.01	− 0.02	2.22
Global Convertible	25.93	27.59	− 0.06	2.53
UK Div Gth	30.18	32.09	+ 0.02	2.11
Equity Funds				
ASEAN	73.09	77.97	− 0.58	
American	327.60	347.40	− 2.50	
Asian Spec Sits	188.40	200.90†	− 1.20	
Japan Smaller Cos	40.09	42.77	− 0.33	...
European	219.40	233.30	− 1.40	0.58
European Opps	78.41	83.38†	− 0.46	0.13
Global Priv	31.69	33.70†	− 0.22	0.66
UK Growth	120.70	128.40	− 0.10	1.11
Growth & Inc	171.20	182.10	+ 0.10	2.68
Intl PEP	46.85	49.83	− 0.08	0.97
Japan Spec Sits	102.60	109.30	− 1.10	.
Japan	351.50	373.40	− 1.00	0.50
Managed Intl	68.22	72.54	− 0.23	..
Moneybuilder	60.73	64.58	+ 0.07	1.67
Recovery	181.90	194.10	− 1.90	1.00
South E Asia	740.00	786.90	− 1.90	0.58
Special Sits				
Specialist Funds				
Cash Accum Units	114.11	114.11	+ 0.01	5.60
FLEMING PRIVATE FUND MGMT LTD				
0171 814 2700				
Balanced #	154.50	157.40		1.69
Inc Ptflo #	94.81	96.46	− 0.04	3.53
Cap Ptflo	161.80	164.70	− 0.20	1.08
General Opps	138.80	140.49†		3.81
Growth Inc	36.67	37.41†	− 0.01	0.96
Private Portfolio	496.60	506.40		1.06
FOREIGN & COLONIAL UNIT MGT				
Dlg 01277 690 366 Admin/Val 01277 690 350				
Euro Smlr Cos	146.40	155.60	− 0.50	0.49
Emrg Asian	170.70	182.60	− 2.20	
High Income	21.66	23.06†	− 0.03	9.76
UK Income	111.80	119.20†	+ 0.10	4.20
US Smaller Cos	416.30	444.00	− 3.80	
FOSTER & BRAITHWAITE FUND MANAGEMENT LTD				
0171 407 5966				
HI Inc Inv Inc	83.75	89.06	− 0.21	3.89
Investment Trust	112.75	118.56	− 0.32	.
UK Smaller Cos	110.92	116.63	− 0.38	0.87

	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
FRAMLINGTON UNIT MGMT LTD				
Enq 0171 330 6500 Dealing 0345 775511				
American Growth	79.46	84.66	− 0.66	.
-do- Accum	79.46	84.66	− 0.66	
Amer Smlr Cos	711.30	760.70	− 6.80	..
-do- Accum	726.70	777.20	− 6.90	
Capital 1st	397.70	423.10†	+ 1.10	1.17
-do- Accum	581.00	618.10†	+ 1.60	1.17
Contl Smlr Cos	65.08	70.24	− 0.08	0.75
-do- Accum	69.30	74.11	− 0.10	0.75
Convertible	144.50	153.70	+ 0.20	5.03
-do- Accum	306.60	326.20	+ 0.30	5.03
Emerging Markets	73.44	78.46	− 2.04	
-do- Accum	73.68	78.72	− 2.05	
European	145.50	154.20	− 0.50	0.35
-do- Accum	153.00	162.20	− 0.50	0.35
Extra Income	384.60	409.10	+ 0.50	3.71
-do- Accum	598.60	636.80	+ 0.80	3.71
Financial	161.90	172.20†	− 1.80	0.40
-do- Accum	172.20	183.20†	− 1.80	0.40
Gilt Trust	62.80	64.75†	+ 0.06	6.76
-do- Accum	95.17	98.08†	+ 0.10	6.76
Health Fund Inc	293.00	313.00	− 2.70	
-do- Accum	293.00	313.00	− 2.70	
Income & Growth	230.70	245.40	+ 0.10	3.18
-do- Accum	360.70	383.70	+ 0.20	3.18
NB Growth	450.10	479.70†	− 4.80	...
-do- Accum	499.80	532.60†	− 5.40	.
Japan & Gen	196.00	209.00	− 1.90	
-do- Accum	198.60	211.10	− 1.90	
Monthly Inc #	194.80	207.20†	+ 2.00	4.49
Managed Port Inc	123.10	129.60†	− 0.40	1.61
-do- Accum	130.90	140.90†	− 0.30	1.61
Quarterly Income #	57.32	61.48	+ 0.02	4.33
-do- Accum #	64.14	68.79	+ 0.03	4.33
Recovery	382.80	409.40	2.60	0.06
-do- Accum	451.90	483.30	− 3.06	0.06
UK Growth	65.87	70.07	+ 0.18	2.08
-do- Accum	69.80	74.26	+ 0.19	2.08
FRIENDS PROVIDENT UNIT TRUSTS				
Dealing 01722 715805 Enq 01722 715834				
FP American	59.61	63.41†	+ 0.02	0.15
FP Am Smlr Cos	210.70	224.80	− 2.50	
FP Acorn Growth	295.50	316.00	− 3.00	
FP Australian	427.30	458.40	− 9.90	
FP Equity Dist	439.10	467.10†	− 0.60	2.51
-do- Accum	958.20	[illegible]	− 1.00	2.51
FP Euro Gth	274.20	291.60†	− 0.80	
-do- Accum	299.60	318.90	− 0.60	
FP Intl Bond	60.40	63.91	− 0.24	4.60
FP Intl Gth Dist	38.90	41.51†	− 0.25	0.14
-do- Accum	56.80	60.61	− 0.36	0.14
FP Pac Basin Acc	233.90	250.00	− 3.20	
FP Income #	58.95	62.88	− 0.09	5.02
-do- Accum #	199.30	212.60	− 0.40	5.02
FP Jap Smllr Cos	335.80	359.30	− 1.80	
FP Monthly Dist #	74.44	79.44†	+ 0.06	5.68
FP Stlg Deposit	100.50	100.50		5.35
FP Tokyo	90.68	96.72	− 1.41	
FP UK Focus	41.60	44.61†	− 0.09	2.57
FP UK Growth	192.20	205.00		2.33
-do- Accum	381.50	406.90		2.33
Stewardship Dis	428.60	455.90†	+ 0.10	1.34
-do- Accum	537.80	572.10	+ 0.10	1.34
Stwdshp Inc Dist #	83.66	89.00†	+ 0.10	4.48
-do- Accum #	113.30	120.50	+ 0.10	4.48
N Am Stshp Dist	126.20	134.20	− 1.50	0.39
-do- Accum	135.20	143.80	− 1.70	0.39
FP Managed Portfolio Service				
Capital Gwth Acc	127.90	136.00	− 0.30	1.25
Open Cap Gth Acc	133.90	142.40	− 0.50	0.17
Cap Gth Inc Inc #	119.80	127.50	− 0.30	2.48
Cap Gth Inc Acc #	125.40	133.40	− 0.30	2.48
Opn Cp Gth Ic Ic #	121.80	129.50	− 0.60	3.38
Opn Cp Gth Ic Ac #	128.10	136.20	− 0.70	3.38
GA UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD				
0345 581 106/7				
GANDA	280.80	297.00†	− 0.20	2.07
Cash	49.31	50.05†		5.32
Growth Portfolio	91.68	97.18	− 0.23	0.84
Income Portfolio	70.31	74.36†	− 0.51	4.14
GEM DOLPHIN INV MGRS LTD				
0171 236 6441				
Special Sits	242.60	259.50	− 1.70	1.21
Dividend	96.59	103.30	+ 0.20	4.12
Int Gth & Inc	251.00	268.50	+ 0.10	2.80
UK & Gen	49.89	53.36	− 0.06	2.00
Fund of Funds	78.77	84.25†	− 0.24	
GT GLOBAL FUND MGMT LTD				
Inv 0800 212274 Dealing 0171 626 8431				
Amer Spec Sits	282.90	302.60†	− 4.80	0.11
European	697.60	743.20	− 3.60	0.64
Euro Eq & Bd Inc	53.34	56.69†	− 0.13	5.01
-do- Accum	59.19	62.91	− 0.15	5.01
Far East & Gen	288.40	308.50	− 3.30	
Germany Growth	137.50	145.70		
High Yield #	47.86	50.58†	+ 0.28	8.36
-do- Accum #	51.87	54.81	+ 0.30	8.36
Income Inc	191.30	204.60	+ 0.30	4.17
-do- Accum	214.90	229.90	+ 0.40	4.17
International	397.00	423.50	− 3.20	0.39
Intl Income	94.58	100.20	− 0.20	2.63
Japan & General	463.60	493.20†	− 0.70	
Korean Securities	71.41	76.38	− 1.68	
Orient Acc	181.70	194.40	− 1.50	0.18
UK General Inc	200.70	214.70	− 0.10	0.96
UK General Acc	356.20	379.90	− 0.10	0.98
UK Smlr Cos Inc	52.43	56.08	[illegible]	1.73
-do- Accum	59.06	63.17	− 0.36	1.73
UK Spec Sits	104.90	112.20	+ 0.40	1.15
US Growth	187.10	199.00	− 0.60	
Wrldw Spec Sits	160.40	170.70	− 1.90	
GARTMORE FUND MANAGERS				
0171 782 2000 Dlgs only 01277 264 421				
UK Growth Funds				
British Growth	59.73	62.82	− 0.07	1.63
Cash Trust	143.96	143.96†	− 0.02	5.49
Practical Inv Inc #	124.16	132.79	− 0.33	2.55
-do- Accum #	292.81	313.17	− 0.78	2.55
UK Index	174.72	175.60	− 0.95	[illegible]
UK Smaller Cos	184.66	197.43	− 2.02	2.59
Income Funds				
Extra Yield	23.93	24.80†	+ 0.05	[illegible]
High Income	33.86	36.19†	− 0.03	[illegible]
UK Equity Income	155.90	166.74	+ 1.24	[illegible]
Global Bond	30.16	31.27	− 0.01	[illegible]
International Funds				
Emerging Markets	49.37	52.69†	[illegible]	
Global Managed	154.03	163.87†	− 2.52	[illegible]
Gold & Intl Res	131.59	141.06	[illegible]	
Global Utilities	148.97	159.00	[illegible]	[illegible]
Overseas Funds				
American	197.54	209.94	[illegible]	[illegible]
European	133.11	141.15	[illegible]	
Euro Sel Opps	201.51	215.90	− 1.39	
Amer Emerging	174.97	187.15	− 2.66	
Hong Kong	159.85	170.54	[illegible]	1.85
Japan	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	
Pacific Growth	241.82	256.63	[illegible]	
Gartmore Pension Strategy Funds				
Managed Equity	253.09	253.09†	− 4.17	[illegible]
Long Term Bal	276.11	276.11†	− 6.12	[illegible]
Med Term Bal	226.04	226.04†	− 0.15	[illegible]
UK Equity	293.49	293.49†	− 2.46	[illegible]
Uk Emerging Cos	182.48	182.48	− 0.43	[illegible]
American	314.29	314.39	[illegible]	[illegible]
Japan	144.70	144.70	− 1.93	
European	342.29	342.39	− 2.64	0.83
Index Linked Gilt	178.50	178.50	+ 0.17	[illegible]
Fixed Interest	167.23	167.23†	+ 0.42	5.97
Amer Emergps	400.69	400.69	− 4.78	
Pacific	266.21	266.21	− 1.94	0.69
Emerging Mkts	132.87	132.87	− 1.70	0.27
Index Strat Japan	165.89	165.88	− 1.35	0.09
-do- Pacific Rim	216.37	216.37	− 1.62	[illegible]
-do- Cont Europe	186.03	186.03	− 0.39	[illegible]
Index Strat USA	184.23	184.23	+ 1.64	[illegible]
Gartmore Personal Pension Funds				
Managed Equity	120.84	128.55	− 0.12	
Med Term Bal	107.39	114.24	− 0.08	
Long Term Bal	123.85	131.76	− 0.05	
UK Equity	135.65	144.30	− 0.24	
Uk Emerging Cos	85.40	90.85	− 0.27	
American	145.30	154.57	− 0.15	
Japan	69.06	73.46	− 0.86	
European	141.85	150.90	− 1.17	
Fixed Interest	85.51	90.96	− 0.23	
Index Linked Gilt	79.37	84.27	− 0.08	
Deposit	85.95	91.43	+ 0.01	
Broker Unit Trusts				
BWH Intl	165.86	174.59	− 0.43	[illegible]
Bcoff Gth Port Inc	75.16	79.32	− 0.26	[illegible]
-do- Inc Port Inc	62.92	65.41†	− 0.26	[illegible]
-do- Wrldw Port	85.02	89.62	− 0.52	[illegible]
Shaw Utilities	58.61	61.86†	− 0.41	3.15
GLOBAL ASSET MANAGEMENT				
GAM Sterling Management 0171 493 9990				
Stlg & Intl Inc	624.52	664.81	− 11.47	1.45
-do- Accum	705.72	750.77	− 12.95	1.45
European Inc	179.09	190.01		0.87
Amalgam Inc	167.04	176.84		0.33
N America Inc	432.56	460.19	− 10.95	0.43
Far East Inc	417.47	444.12		0.05
-do- Accum	432.67	460.29		0.09
UK Dvdd Inc	211.34	224.83		2.36
GOVETT (JOHN) UNIT MGMT LTD				
0171 378 7979 Dealing 0171 407 7888				
UK Equity Inc #	102.81	109.94	− 0.29	4.32
UK Small Cos	66.62	71.25	− 2.10	0.59
British Growth	67.52	72.20†	− 0.27	2.73
American Gwth	299.34	320.14	− 1.95	
Japan Gwth	74.95	80.15	− 0.59	
Greater China	199.62	213.49	− 1.80	0.19
Pacific Strategy	171.46	183.36	− 3.32	.
European Gwth	112.85	120.69	− 0.23	0.42
Intl Growth	176.25	188.49	− 0.73	
US Index (C)	17.3425	18.2734	+ 0.1797	4.00
FT-SE Mid 250 Ind	95.31	101.92	− 0.23	2.17
Monthly Income	41.37	44.12†	− 0.02	8.00
MIS Unit Trust Dealing: 0171 865 0033				
Grd UK Index (C)	13.4862	14.2375†	− 0.0444	4.75
GRANVILLE UNIT TST MGMT LTD				
0171 488 1212				
Small Cos	113.58	120.83	+ 1.45	1.51
GUARDIAN UT MGRS LTD				
0171 538 9668				
European	581.20	620.90	− 2.30	0.19
Gilt & Fixed	125.80	133.40	− 0.60	6.13
Growth Equity	422.80	451.70	− 1.70	1.26
Income Trust	151.80	162.10	− 0.10	4.40
International	217.80	232.60	− 1.00	0.14
Japan Trust	139.70	149.70	− 1.60	
Nth American	359.20	383.70†	− 2.30	
Pacific	629.30	672.30†	− 6.40	0.07
Growthbill	637.00	680.50	− 1.60	1.27
GUINNESS FLIGHT UT MGRS LTD				
0171 522 2129				
EMU Trust	108.77	112.67	− 0.34	5.30
Global High Inc	102.13	106.07†	− 0.55	6.98
Corporate Bond	101.54	105.82	− 0.34	7.43
Eqty & Bond Inc	108.72	115.50†	− 0.25	5.04
European Growth	124.81	132.71	− 1.09	..
Intl PEP Trust	70.21	74.65	− 0.51	
Equity Inc	132.73	141.12†	− 1.54	4.09
-do- Accum	192.87	205.07	− 2.30	4.09
Recovery	382.70	406.90	− 0.80	2.05
-do- Accum	452.40	481.00	− 0.90	2.05
St Vinc High Inc	127.95	129.86	− 3.21	1.52
UK Emerg Cos	313.10	332.90†	+ 1.20	2.30
UK Smlr Cos	427.00	434.50	+ 0.30	2.30
Glob Priv Tst	115.57	122.88†	− 0.32	1.48
-do- Accum	117.91	125.36	− 0.33	1.42
Inc Share Tst	89.25	93.84†	− 0.06	6.95
HALIFAX UT MGMT LTD				
Dealing: 0171 220 5050 01904 611110				
Growth	32.43	34.38	− 0.08	1.77
Growth Acc	33.13	35.13	− 0.09	1.77
Income	31.25	33.13	− 0.06	4.11
Income Acc	32.59	34.55	− 0.06	4.11
Accumulation Tst	24.45	26.48	+ 0.05	2.20
HAMBROS UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD				
Enquiries: 01277 227 300 Dealing: 01277 690 398				
High Provider	96.85	100.10†	+ 0.24	7.05
Model Ptolio	236.70	249.00	− 0.40	2.32
HENDERSON TOUCHE REMNANT				
Enquiries: 0645 494949 Dealing: 0645 464646				
UK Funds				
UK Enterprise	396.98	414.06	− 0.07	0.87
Best of British	72.74	77.32†	− 0.08	2.37
UK Smaller Cos	155.62	167.29	− 0.13	1.13
High Income Funds				
Income & Growth #	310.57	330.74	− 0.07	3.25
-do- Accum #	860.37	916.19	− 0.05	3.25
High Income	341.83	365.40†	− 3.12	4.53
Extra Income #	295.14	313.95	− 0.05	5.98
Pref & Bond	48.06	49.67†	− 0.03	9.30
International				
International	337.56	352.29†	− 1.45	
Global Bond	56.50	59.47	− 0.16	5.69
Intl Port Tst	101.81	109.03	− 0.43	2.21
Global Tech	264.51	282.65†	− 3.51	
Overseas Funds				
Asian Enterprise	202.65	216.32	− 1.64	0.16
European	606.14	641.85†	− 2.98	1.55
European Income #	92.55	99.35	− 1.42	1.35

	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
Euro Smlr Cos	181.83	194.22†	− 0.02	2.19
European Value	89.76	95.73†	+ 0.17	1.32
-do- Accum	96.57	102.99	+ 0.19	1.32
Japan Trust	251.24	267.21	− 2.52	.
Japan Smlr Cos	263.40	280.49†	− 0.75	
Pacific Smlr Cos	272.00	289.78†	− 2.29	.
North American	309.31	328.33	+ 0.33	
American Smaller	183.57	196.27†	− 2.43	
HIGH PEAK UNIT TRUST MGMT LTD				
Enquiries 01277 227 300 Dealing: 01277 261 010				
Income & Growth #	159.60	168.00	+ 1.10	4.72
HILL SAMUEL UNIT TST MGRS				
0181 686 4355				
British	116.46	121.95†	− 1.16	1.91
Capital	205.79	215.49	− 0.38	1.29
Dollar	491.00	514.22†	− 2.58	
Enterprise Gth	432.65	454.88	− 0.07	1.13
European	280.26	293.47	− 1.95	0.43
Far East	349.56	366.04	− 2.13	
Financial	990.16	[illegible]	− 1.61	1.96
Gilt & Fxd Int Inc	25.58	26.60†	+ 0.06	7.48
High Yield	109.70	114.87	+ 0.04	3.88
Income & Growth	156.63	164.01†	+ 0.16	3.41
International	307.07	321.54	− 1.94	
Japanese General	237.29	248.47	− 2.24	
Japan Tech	104.11	109.01	− 1.15	
Nat Resources	98.77	103.43†	− 1.39	
Portfolio	87.14	91.25†	− 0.22	1.28
Special Sits	204.34	213.97	+ 0.24	0.23
UK Emerging Cos	127.83	133.85	− 0.15	0.65
US Smaller Cos	156.72	164.10	− 2.06	...
HSBC UNIT TRUST MGMT LTD				
Advisers 0800 181 890 Investors 0800 289 505				
Active Funds-UK				
Income #	628.00	670.20	+ 0.40	5.08
Capital	704.20	751.50†	+ 1.30	2.40
High Income #	112.80	120.40†	+ 0.10	5.84
Active Funds-International				
American Gwth	601.30	639.20†	+ 4.60	0.55
European Gwth	142.70	151.90	− 0.90	
Japan Gwth	312.30	333.00	− 3.60	.
Japan Smlr Cos	37.82	40.36	+ 0.02	
Asian	68.22	72.81	− 0.30	0.09
Sing & Malay Gwth	93.05	99.31†	− 1.79	
Hong Kong Gwth	128.30	136.90	− 1.50	1.31
Global Bond	22.83	24.11	− 0.09	5.40
Index Funds-UK				
UK Index	163.80	164.70		3.43
Tilde Index	132.40	135.70	− 0.10	2.08
THE FOOTSIE FUND	62.48	62.79	+ 0.04	3.07
Index Funds-International				
American Index	272.40	273.80	+ 1.30	1.09
Eurotrack 100	193.90	194.90	− 0.80	1.35
Japan Index	87.89	88.33	− 1.01	0.06
Tiger Index	228.90	230.10	− 0.70	0.39
INVESCO FUND MANAGERS LTD				
0171 626 3434 Dealing: 0800 010 733				
UK Specialist Trusts				
UK Smaller Cos	49.71	51.67†	− 0.06	0.63
General Funds				
Managed Dist	89.24	92.77†	− 0.36	1.22
Managed	91.68	95.30†	− 0.38	1.22
Rupert Child Fnd	97.64	101.50†	+ 0.30	2.13
UK Growth	69.40	72.14†	+ 0.07	1.93
High Income Funds				
UK Extra Inc #	87.46	90.91†	+ 0.04	6.80
Gilt & Fixed Int #	26.36	27.20†	+ 0.13	8.30
UK Inc & Gwth	46.49	48.33†	+ 0.09	3.05
UK Income #	386.90	381.40†		4.89
Overseas Growth Funds				
American Growth	61.43	63.64†	+ 0.01	0.11
Amer Smlr Cos	170.70	177.40	− 0.90	
-do- Accum	172.50	179.30	− 0.90	.
Europe Gth	221.00	229.60	− 1.20	
-do- Accum	239.40	248.30	− 1.10	
Euro Smaller Cos	43.86	45.69	− 0.45	.
French Growth	97.64	101.50†	+ 0.10	0.33
-do- Accum	105.50	109.70†	+ 0.10	0.33
H Kong & China	91.63	95.25†	− 1.10	1.33
Intl Growth	68.54	71.25	− 0.44	0.15
-do- Accum	69.49	72.23	− 0.46	0.15
Japan Gth	36.27	37.70	− 0.56	.
-do- Accum	36.27	37.70	− 0.55	
Japan Smaller Cos	43.84	45.57	+ 0.06	
Glob Emg Mkt	105.60	109.80	− 0.80	
-do- Accum	106.40	110.60	− 0.70	
SE Asia	367.20	381.70†	− 2.50	0.02
Overseas Income Funds				
Intl Bond #	55.08	56.75†	− 0.11	5.96
JOHNSON FRY UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD				
Enq 01277 227300 Dealing 01277 261010				
Sector Value Inc	98.74	104.20†	− 0.10	3.95
Sector Value Gwth	99.68	105.30†		2.19
Hy 5 Europe	101.00	106.00		2.60
Slater Gwth	140.10	149.20	− 0.50	
JUPITER UT MGRS LTD				
0171 581 3020				
World Health	239.70	254.30	− 3.50	
Income #	210.45	223.88	− 0.34	3.82
UK Growth	84.29	89.77	+ 0.21	1.91
Intl Growth	91.55	97.38	+ 0.24	0.44
Ecology	105.77	112.52†	− 0.35	0.96
European	187.50	199.89	− 1.05	
Far Eastern	337.50	359.00	+ 4.40	



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	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
KLEINWORT BENSON UNIT TRUSTS				
Dealers: 0171 956 7354				
Income Trusts				
Bond Income	97.95	101.40	− 0.36	7.68
Extra Yield	116.40	122.80	− 3.50	6.92
Global Income	232.60	248.50†	− 1.50	3.57
High Yield	150.80	160.40†	− 0.33	5.59
-do- Accum	484.90	515.70†	− 0.30	5.59
Smlr Cos Div	53.07	57.10†	− 0.04	3.20
Capital Growth Trusts				
Amer Smlr Cos	154.50	164.40	− 0.70	
Asian Growth	367.70	391.20	− 2.40	0.21
-do- Accum	432.30	459.80	− 2.80	0.21
North American	106.00	112.80	− 0.10	0.23
European Special	136.30	154.40	− 1.60	0.09
European	178.50	189.30	− 0.80	0.43
-do- Accum	235.40	250.40	− 1.10	0.42
Charity Eqty Inc	121.00	128.40	− 0.30	1.59
Japan	454.30	483.30	− 7.20	
Japanese Special	259.60	276.20	− 0.20	
Smaller Cos	145.30	154.60	− 0.30	0.99
UK Equity Growth	50.52	53.74		1.91
UK Index Inc	323.20	325.40†	+ 0.30	3.44
Eastern Tst	109.90	116.20	− 0.90	1.96
-do- Accum	110.40	116.70	− 0.90	1.86
LAURENCE KEEN UNIT TRUST MGMT				
0171 407 5966				
Europe Income	294.29	313.06†	− 0.13	4.94
Inc & Growth Inc	64.30	68.40	+ 0.05	3.99
Smaller Cos	87.59	93.17†	+ 0.27	1.15
LAURENTIAN UNIT TST MGMT LTD				
Enq: 01452 371 500 Dlg: 01452 371 623				
Growth Trust	295.20	314.00		1.71
High Income	114.60	121.90	− 0.10	4.26
International	121.30	129.00	− 0.70	0.46
European Trust	87.20	92.76	− 0.44	0.82
Japanese Trust	46.56	49.53	− 0.56	
American Trust	119.10	126.70†	− 0.90	
LAZARD UNIT TST MGRS LTD				
01277 690 432				
UK Cap	447.50	474.80	− 0.20	2.35
UK Inc Gth	466.40	494.90	− 0.40	3.93
UK Income	329.40	348.40†	− 0.30	5.22
UK Sm Cos	306.00	327.30	− 0.30	1.55
Euro Gwth	162.50	172.40	− 0.90	0.46
N Amer Gwth	122.70	130.10	− 0.73	
Japan Growth	73.11	77.57	− 0.53	
LEGAL & GENERAL (UT MGRS) LTD				
Enquiries: 01277 227 300 Dealing: 01277 690 395				
Equity Dist	564.20	600.20	+ 0.40	2.66
-do- Accum	£11.49	£12.22	+ 1.00	2.66
Equity Income #	105.50	112.30	− 0.30	4.62
UK Tactical Allocn	63.65	67.57	+ 0.09	3.98
European	142.90	152.00	− 0.80	1.09
Far Eastern	251.60	267.70	− 1.60	
Fixed Interest	52.79	56.16	− 0.18	7.34
Gilt	87.66	92.96†	+ 0.27	6.53
Global Growth	88.15	93.78	− 0.41	0.42
Intl Bond	54.97	58.35	− 0.25	5.11
Japanese	80.40	85.53	− 0.49	
North American	209.60	223.00	− 0.40	0.67
Pacific Growth	129.10	137.30†	− 0.80	0.16
UK Index	74.36	78.08†		3.06
UK Recovery	113.90	121.20†	+ 0.10	2.02
UK Smaller Cos	162.70	173.10	− 0.90	1.10
US Index	81.45	85.96	+ 0.32	1.34
European Index	90.80	95.82	− 0.47	1.76
Japan Index	45.21	47.71	− 0.46	.
Worldwide	39.45	105.80†	− 0.20	1.40
LINCOLN NATIONAL				
01452 371 500 Dealing: 01452 371 623				
Growth	55.14	58.97	+ 0.10	2.08
Income	63.62	68.10	− 0.08	2.96
Far East	61.53	65.80†	− 0.52	..
North American	139.60	147.90†	− 0.80	..
Global	118.70	[illegible]	− 0.70	0.17
European	97.38	104.00	− 0.80	0.62
Japan	117.10	125.20	− 1.30	
Intl Currency Bd	61.75	64.81†	− 0.19	4.21
SE Asia	117.50	125.60†	− 0.80	
UK Cap Growth	101.20	108.20†	− 0.20	1.63
Recovery Trust	89.15	94.84†	− 0.17	1.17
Managed	78.99	84.03	− 0.32	0.58
Cash	50.56	50.56	+ 0.07	4.67
LLOYDS BK UNIT TST MGRS LTD				
Helpdesk: 01634 834 339 Dealing: 01634 834 313				
Balanced	388.50	413.40†		2.44
-do- Accum	918.70	977.40	− 0.10	2.44
Contl Euro Co	81.33	86.67	− 0.35	0.49
-do- Accum	87.58	92.13	− 0.37	0.49
Extra Inc	279.50	297.50	− 4.00	4.26
-do- Accum	751.70	799.70	− 11.10	4.26
FTSE 100 Inc	116.10	123.60	− 0.10	2.68
FTSE 100 Acc	118.70	125.80	− 0.10	2.68
German Gth	133.90	140.50	− 2.10	
-do- Accum	140.30	147.70	− 0.20	
Growth Port	657.20	699.20	− 2.40	
-do- Accum	676.90	720.00	− 2.50	
High Interest Inc	[illegible]	99.19	− 0.43	9.00
High Interest Acc	[illegible]	100.80	− 0.50	9.00
Inc Reserve Inc #	105.50	112.30	− 0.10	6.47
Inc Reserve Acc #	111.60	118.90	− 0.10	6.47
Income	527.80	561.50	− 7.19	3.41
-do- Accum	[illegible]	£15.62	− 20.00	3.41
Income Port	542.40	579.10†		4.54
-do- Accum	603.10	641.60		4.54
Japan Growth	[illegible]	[illegible]	− 1.20	

	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
-do- Accum	118.90	126.50	− 1.30	
Master Trust	68.33	72.70	− 0.22	1.19
-do- Accum	77.63	82.59	− 0.26	1.19
N American Gen	240.30	255.70	− 0.70	..
-do- Accum	277.90	295.70	− 0.80	
NAm Sm Co Rec	211.10	224.60	− 3.70	
-do- Accum	215.40	229.20	− 3.80	..
Pacific Basin	296.40	315.40	− 2.30	.
-do- Accum	315.80	336.00	− 2.40	
Small Cos Rec	502.50	529.00†	− 16.80	1.57
-do- Accum	688.50	724.80	− 23.20	1.57
UK Eq Gth	158.50	168.70	− 0.40	2.81
UK Eq Inc	124.70	132.20†	− 0.20	4.15
UK Growth	102.00	108.60	− 0.20	2.05
-do- Accum	126.70	134.80	− 0.30	2.05
Worldwide Gth	370.40	394.10	− 2.50	
-do- Accum	547.40	582.40	− 3.80	.
LONDON & MANCHESTER TST MGMT				
01392 282 673				
American	87.37	93.51	− 0.26	0.40
General	103.56	111.11†	− 0.19	2.40
Income	71.26	76.46	− 0.10	5.40
International	77.22	82.85	− 0.56	0.40
Japan	65.59	70.37	− 0.76	..
1st of Inv Trusts	77.44	83.09†	− 0.31	1.30
M & G SECURITIES				
Cust Svcs/Unit Dlg: 01245 390 390				
Amer & General	520.00	549.30	− 1.70	0.40
-do- Accum	649.82	686.40	− 2.30	0.40
Amer Recovery	584.00	617.60†	− 2.30	0.33
-do- Accum	673.60	717.50†	− 2.40	0.33
Amer Smlr Cos	169.70	179.50	− 2.10	
-do- Accum	173.40	183.40	− 2.10	
Australasian	206.00	217.80	− 3.90	2.00
-do- Accum	256.70	271.40	− 4.90	2.00
Capital	1000.70	1058.20	+ 2.30	2.70
-do- Accum	1179.10	1246.90	+ 2.80	2.70
Charifund	740.30	747.80†	+ 0.10	5.88
-do- Accum	3735.30	3772.70†	+ 0.30	5.88
Commodity	535.00	566.30	− 5.00	0.23
-do- Accum	790.40	835.80	− 7.40	0.23
Compound Grth	1085.70	1148.10†	+ 0.10	2.95
-do- Accum	1184.40	1252.50†	+ 0.10	2.95
Corporate Bond	24.48	24.57†	+ 0.12	8.00
Dividend	45.70	48.30		4.35
-do- Accum	199.00	210.60	− 0.20	4.35
Equity Income	362.70	383.60	− 0.10	4.82
-do- Accum	491.20	519.50	− 0.20	4.82
Euro & General	642.00	678.90	− 4.70	0.84
-do- Accum	818.80	865.90	− 6.00	0.84
Euro Dividend	82.40	87.10	− 0.60	3.52
-do- Accum	102.40	108.30	− 0.70	3.52
Extra Yield	457.10	483.40	+ 0.10	4.96
-do- Accum	1505.40	1591.90	+ 0.10	4.96
Far Eastern	403.30	426.50	− 2.90	2.22
-do- Accum	538.00	569.00	− 3.80	2.22
Fund of Inv Tsts	718.60	759.90	− 1.80	1.79
-do- Accum	1365.30	1443.80	− 3.40	1.79
General	69.40	73.40		3.67
-do- Accum	201.70	213.30		3.67
Gilt Income	58.67	58.96	+ 0.19	7.60
-do- Accum	175.45	175.71	+ 0.55	7.60
Gold	92.50	97.80	− 1.00	0.94
-do- Accum	109.90	116.20	− 1.10	0.94
High Income	32.90	34.80		4.66
-do- Accum	137.40	145.60	− 0.10	4.66
Intl Growth	94.40	99.80	− 0.60	0.88
-do- Accum	166.10	175.70	− 1.00	0.88
International Inc	110.80	117.20†	− 0.50	4.49
-do- Accum	173.50	183.50†	− 0.80	4.49
Japan & Gen	45.10	47.60†	− 0.30	
-do- Accum	48.30	51.00†	− 0.40	.
Japan Smlr Cos	161.10	170.30†	− 1.40	
-do- Accum	162.20	171.50†	− 1.40	.
Managed Gwth	27.90	29.40	− 0.10	1.69
Managed Income	30.10	31.60†	.	4.11
Midland	65.40	69.20†	− 0.60	3.32
-do- Accum	226.90	240.10†	− 2.00	3.22
Pension Ex	1065.30	1081.70†	+ 0.40	4.22
Recovery	51.00	53.90		2.54
-do- Accum	85.80	90.60		2.54
Second General	77.60	82.10	− 0.10	3.81
-do- Accum	207.90	219.80	− 0.30	3.81
Smaller Cos	76.40	80.80		2.94
-do- Accum	156.40	165.50		2.94
Treasury	25.13	25.17†	+ 0.01	5.70
Trustee	43.80	46.30†	− 0.10	4.72
-do- Accum	186.30	197.00†	− 0.50	4.72
MGM UNIT MANAGERS LTD				
Dealing: 01277 261 010 Enq: 01903 204 631				
European Growth	99.12	105.44	− 0.52	1.54
Intl Bond	64.99	68.28†	+ 0.01	5.28
Intl Equity Growth	87.89	93.42†	− 0.49	0.64
N Amer Growth	133.96	142.37	− 0.07	0.68
Special Sits Growth	26.51	28.20	+ 0.15	1.89
UK Growth	440.83	468.96†	− 0.23	2.54
-do- Accum	598.15	636.32	− 0.48	2.54
MW JOINT INVESTORS LTD				
01620 825867				
Balanced Fd #	1497.30	1520.70†		2.90
Income #	1043.00	1059.00		4.00
MALDON UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD				
0131 222 4242				
Maldon General	161.30	165.60†	.	3.65
For Manulife see Canada Life				
MARKS & SPENCER UNIT TRUST LTD				
0800 363432				
M & S Inv Ptflo	176.40	181.80		2.38
-do- Accum	207.00	213.40	− 0.10	2.38
UK Sel Ptflo	154.60	159.40	− 0.30	2.43
-do- Accum	183.70	189.40	+ 0.30	2.43
MARLBOROUGH FUND MGRS LTD				
01204 364 642				
Managed Tst	72.84	77.49	− 1.40	3.89
MARTIN CURRIE UNIT TRUSTS LTD				
0131 479 4646				
Intl Income	82.77	87.87	− 0.37	3.82
European	103.90	110.30	− 0.20	0.74
Income #	82.35	87.42†	− 0.07	4.44
Nth American	93.26	99.00	− 0.13	0.31
Far East	192.70	204.60	− 2.40	0.05
Japan	67.51	71.67	− 0.67	
Emrging Mkts	93.23	99.71	− 0.99	
Intl Growth	133.80	142.00†	− 1.00	0.74
UK Growth	121.00	128.40	− 0.10	2.39
UK Smlr Co	62.26	66.09†	− 0.32	1.41
Asian Opps Fd	41.87	44.78	− 0.43	0.28
Glob Gwth PEP	62.56	66.40	− 0.15	1.01
MATHESON UNIT TRUSTS LTD				
0161 831 7433				
Select Portfolio	106.60	113.50	− 0.80	.
MAYFLOWER MANAGEMENT CO LTD				
0171 407 5966				
Income	458.55	487.82	− 0.40	4.53
Global Inc	74.40	79.15	− 0.05	3.95
Brit Leaders	388.72	413.53	− 1.25	3.47
Intl Leaders	231.94	246.74	− 1.39	1.50
PAM Mq Bal Gth	75.40	78.34	− 0.26	0.60
MERCURY FUND MANAGERS LTD				
Dealing: 0800 445522				
American	259.80	274.10	+ 0.200	.
-do- Accum	277.80	293.10	+ 0.300	
American Opps	131.80	140.60	− 1.90	
-do- Accum	133.40	142.30	− 2.00	
British Blue Chip	93.04	98.80†	+ 0.010	2.43
-do- Accum	118.40	125.70†		2.43
Cash	100.30	100.30†		5.78
-do- Accum *	145.70	145.70†		5.78
Emerging Mkts	131.10	141.00	− 0.90	0.10
-do- Accum	132.10	142.00	− 0.70	0.10
European Growth	316.00	335.20	− 1.00	0.13
-do- Accum	342.90	363.80	− 1.00	0.13
European Income	94.08	99.60	− 0.26	2.88
-do- Accum	132.00	139.70	− 0.30	2.88
General	601.50	639.60	− 1.50	1.94
-do- Accum	1223.00	1298.00	− 4.00	1.94
Global Bond	132.80	139.50†	− 0.40	6.13
-do- Accum	171.00	179.70†	− 0.60	6.13
Gold & General	286.40	305.20	− 3.00	0.31
-do- Accum	275.00	295.50	− 3.00	0.31
Govt Securities	82.29	95.17	+ 0.320	6.44
-do- Accum	188.70	194.50	+ 0.700	6.44
High Yield Bd	98.02	100.50	+ 0.400	7.50
-do- Accum	101.10	103.60	+ 0.300	7.50
Income	180.30	191.50†	+ 0.100	4.13
-do- Accum	296.90	315.30†	+ 0.100	4.13
Inc Portfolio #	110.35	116.80†	+ 0.100	4.73
-do- Accum #	117.90	124.90†		4.73
Intl Opps	591.50	630.90	− 2.00	0.14
-do- Accum	796.00	849.10	− 2.60	0.14
Japan	189.80	202.50	− 1.40	
-do- Accum	194.50	207.50	− 1.30	
New Europe	232.90	248.40	− 1.000	0.81
-do- Accum	242.30	258.50	+ 1.100	0.81
Pacific	128.20	136.70	− 0.80	0.75
-do- Accum	137.50	146.70	− 1.00	0.75
Recovery	416.70	444.50†	− 0.20	0.58
-do- Accum	546.80	583.30†	− 0.20	0.58
UK Smaller Cos	68.45	73.01	− 0.12	0.71
-do- Accum	76.26	82.48	− 0.14	0.71
Portfolio	93.47	99.23†	+ 0.090	2.33
-do- Accum	114.10	121.10†	+ 0.100	2.33
Managed Gth	121.30	126.90	− 0.30	1.01
Managed Inc	117.80	122.20		2.96
METROPOLITAN UT MGRS LTD				
01707 662 233				
Eurogrowth Plus	150.27	159.86†	− 0.27	0.15
Portfolio	78.39	83.39	− 0.05	1.44
UK Income Inc	88.93	94.61	− 0.09	4.60
MIDLAND UNIT TRUST MGMT LTD				
Enq: 0345 456 123 Dlg: 0345 456 126				
Balanced	67.77	70.96†	+ 0.04	2.72
-do- Accum	74.29	77.70†	+ 0.04	2.72
British Tst	100.30	105.00	+ 0.80	2.12
-do- Accum	120.00	125.60	+ 1.00	2.12
Corp Bond Inc	96.89	100.40†	+ 0.40	7.06
-do- Accum	97.76	101.30†	+ 0.40	7.06
Extra High Inc	70.21	73.52†	+ 0.01	6.54
-do- Accum	145.90	152.70†		6.54
FT-SE 100 Acc	65.00	68.06	+ 0.05	2.86
FT-SE 100 Dist	62.27	65.20	+ 0.05	2.86
Gilt & Fxd Inc	54.91	57.14	+ 0.12	6.78
-do- Accum	170.00	176.90	+ 0.40	6.78
High Yield	231.10	242.00†		6.18
-do- Accum	625.90	656.40†		6.18
Income	315.90	330.60	+ 0.10	4.63
-do- Accum	733.00	767.00	− 0.20	4.63
Money Market UT	49.25	49.25†	− 0.01	4.87
-do- Accum	81.63	81.63†	− 0.02	4.87
Monthly Income	91.75	96.07†	+ 0.08	4.86
Midland Personal Pension Unit Trust				
British	126.60	132.60	+ 0.10	1.48
European Growth	132.90	140.90	+ 0.40	0.01

	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
Gilt & Fixed	94.49	100.20	+ 0.20	5.54
Income	98.79	105.10	+ 0.10	2.43
Japan Growth	58.92	62.45	+ 0.12	..
Managed	80.38	85.40	− 0.58	2.05
Money Market	93.00	98.58	+ 0.03	4.08
North American	108.20	114.70	− 0.70	0.39
Midland FSAVCS Unit Trust				
British	113.10	120.30	+ 0.10	1.47
European Growth	124.90	132.40	+ 0.40	0.01
Gilt & Fixed Int	89.43	94.88	+ 0.19	5.54
Income	96.82	103.00		2.49
Japan Growth	58.61	62.13	− 0.12	
Managed	77.28	82.21	+ 0.05	2.02
Money Market	85.84	90.99	+ 0.03	4.04
North American	97.86	103.70	− 0.70	0.47
Midland Executive Pension Unit Trust				
British	112.50	119.70		1.47
European Growth	122.30	129.50	+ 0.40	
Gilt & Fixed Int	81.73	86.71	+ 0.18	5.69
Income	94.75	100.80		2.54
Japan Growth	59.96	63.55	+ 0.13	
Managed	80.07	85.18	+ 0.06	2.04
Money Market	79.25	83.98	+ 0.02	4.14
North American	109.50	116.10	− 0.70	0.36
MILLENNIUM FUND MGMT LTD				
0171 407 5966				
International (US$)	15.61	16.54	− 0.16	
MORGAN GRENFELL INVEST FDS LTD				
Dealers: 0171 588 7474 Enquiries: 0171 588 7171				
American Gwth	463.60	492.90	− 1.10	
European Gth Inc	657.00	696.70	− 11.90	.
-do- Accum	659.10	704.30	− 12.00	
Intl Gwth	236.40	251.30†	− 2.40	
UK Equity Inc	216.10	229.70†	+ 0.30	3.51
Do Accum	289.90	308.30†	+ 0.40	3.51
UK Ind Trckr Inc	188.20	200.70	+ 0.20	2.49
-do- Accum	229.30	244.60	+ 0.30	2.49
US Eq Ind Tr Inc	270.80	288.80	+ 1.20	0.83
Japan Tracker	82.74	87.26†	− 1.30	..
Asian Tracker	240.80	258.50†	− 2.80	0.16
Managed Inc	190.40	203.60	− 0.40	2.13
Deposit Inc	99.79	99.79		5.58
Europa	315.20	339.20	+ 0.90	.
Genesis	214.50	231.30	− 0.80	1.41
High Income	21.08	22.35†	+ 0.03	10.00
MURRAY JOHNSTONE UT MGMT				
0345 690 933				
Acumen	108.10	110.40†	+ 0.20	2.24
Acumen Inc	99.00	101.20†	+ 0.30	2.24
Acumen Reserve	90.30	91.20†	+ 0.30	7.75
-do- Inc	71.76	72.48†	+ 0.16	7.75
American Growth	67.88	69.75	− 0.76	
Equity Income #	102.30	104.90		4.70
European	83.44	84.96	+ 0.10	0.59
Smaller Cos.	92.88	97.49†	− 0.03	1.09
W'wide Eqty	78.74	80.49	− 0.39	
Global Bond	45.68	46.21†	− 0.09	6.16
UK Growth	110.40	113.30†	− 0.60	1.72
Pacific Growth	127.30	131.50	− 1.70	0.55
Japan Growth	111.60	113.70	− 1.90	.
NFU MUTUAL UNIT MGRS LTD				
Enquiries: 01277 227 300 Dealing: 01277 261 010				
Avon Equity	144.58	153.81	+ 0.27	2.34
N&P UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD				
0161 839 8282				
UK Growth	88.71	94.37	+ 0.08	2.17
UK Income	124.42	132.36	+ 0.16	3.86
Higher Income	238.59	251.69	− 2.48	4.88
Smaller Cos	105.07	111.78	− 2.69	1.58
International	112.68	119.88†	− 0.51	1.43
NPI INVESTMENT MGRS				
0171 623 4200				
American Dist	136.10	143.70	− 0.60	0.10
European Dist	145.20	154.50†	− 0.40	0.10
Far East Dist	215.40	229.20	− 2.70	0.41
Global Care Dist	89.73	95.46	− 0.16	0.34
Oseas Dist	1237.30	1316.30	− 8.00	0.09
-do- Accum	1605.80	1708.30	− 10.60	0.09
UK Dist	409.50	436.60†	+ 0.50	2.32
-do- Accum	831.00	884.00	+ 0.60	2.32
UK Extra Inc Dist	92.49	98.39	+ 0.06	3.10
Wwide Dist	128.50	136.70†	− 1.10	
Wwide Inc Dist	87.97	93.59†	− 0.22	1.61
NATWEST UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD				
Dlg: 01277 690 280 Admin Enq: 01277 690 300				
Europe Inc	76.90	81.16	− 0.36	0.90
Fund of Funds Inc	70.72	74.64	− 0.10	1.88
North America Inc	68.22	72.00†	− 0.41	
UK Equity Gth Inc	67.99	71.76†	+ 0.11	2.68
-do- Accum	73.16	77.24	+ 0.12	2.68
UK General Inc	67.15	70.87†		2.77
UK Gilt/Fix Int Inc	47.38	49.92†	+ 0.09	6.95
UK Income Inc	65.01	68.61†	..	4.15
NEWTON FUND MGRS LTD				
Enquiries: 0500 550 000 Dealing: 0500 440 000				
American	54.74	58.23	− 0.34	
-do- Accum	55.16	58.68	− 0.34	
Bond	126.65	134.37	− 0.43	6.18
Cash Income	51.12	51.12		5.47
-do- Accum	67.96	67.96	+ 0.01	5.47
Distribution	103.29	109.88	+ 1.38	2.90
European	54.51	57.88	− 0.39	.
Foundation	108.08	114.98†	+ 0.06	2.48
General	220.68	234.77	− 1.12	1.56
Global	388.93	413.76	− 3.73	
Growth Inc	143.02	152.15†	+ 0.14	2.43
Growth Acc	144.96	154.21†	+ 0.014	2.43
Higher Income Inc	30.80	32.77	+ 0.08	4.73
-do- Accum	36.83	39.18	+ 0.08	4.73
Income	260.60	277.23†	+ 3.19	3.40
Intrepid	146.11	152.30		1.81
Japan	29.49	31.37	+ 0.24	.
Oriental Inc	167.30	177.98	− 0.99	0.50
-do- Accum	172.62	183.64	− 1.03	0.50
Pers Intl Gwth	37.19	39.56†	− 0.31	
NORTHERN ROCK UNIT TRUST LTD				
0191 285 2555				
High Income #	47.46	50.22	+ 0.10	6.96
Managed	114.30	120.90		2.16
NORWICH UNION TST MANAGERS				
01603 682 234				
Master Trust	143.45	151.00	− 0.49	1.01
UK Equity	163.24	171.83	+ 0.24	2.89
UK Equity Income	149.27	157.13	− 0.35	3.74
UK Smaller Cos	145.39	150.93	− 0.29	1.34
UK Equity Growth	153.96	162.06†	+ 0.15	2.11
UK Index Trckg	165.21	173.91	+ 0.70	3.39
Intl Index Trckg	176.41	185.70	− 0.60	0.93
International	285.65	300.68†	− 1.25	0.61
European	248.94	262.04	− 1.06	0.40
Pan European	163.42	172.02	+ 0.05	1.35
Nth American	235.65	248.05†		0.25
N Amer Smlr Cos	250.13	263.30	− 1.96	
Japanese	105.13	110.65	− 1.15	
Pacific	267.15	281.21	− 2.79	0.37
South East Asian	299.31	315.06†	− 3.06	0.60
Intl Bond	139.43	146.77	− 0.65	4.02
Gilt & Convertible	106.68	112.29	+ 0.33	5.78
Property	83.25	87.63	+ 0.02	5.80
OLD MUTUAL FUND MGRS LTD				
01256 768 888				
European Inc	338.70	364.10†	+ 3.80	
-do- Accum	358.90	386.90†	+ 4.10	..
Japan Inc	122.80	131.10	− 1.00	
Nth American Inc	131.90	140.40	+ 0.80	0.46
Worldwide Inc	181.60	194.80	− 1.10	0.25
Hong Kong Inc	165.00	177.20	− 1.80	1.19
Swiss Equities Inc	89.35	95.44†	− 0.82	
Wwide Bond Inc	65.56	70.41		5.38
Emgng Asia Inc	233.90	254.50	− 2.10	
-do- Accum	234.70	255.50	− 2.10	
UK Money Mkt Inc	50.06	50.06†		5.65
Thailand Inc	182.00	198.90	− 1.40	1.18
New Zealand Inc	101.60	109.20		2.72
Intl Mngd PEP Inc	72.45	77.67	− 0.09	1.27
Latin Am Crop Inc	66.67	71.89	+ 0.13	.
UK All Sh Idxr Inc	68.09	69.19	+ 0.02	2.80
Broker Unit Trusts				
Global Trustees	93.59	100.10	− 0.30	
Global Portfolio	83.58	89.39	− 0.26	.
Global Opps	74.75	79.95†	− 0.14	
Marsh Global Grth	72.18	76.54†	− 0.49	
CAM Brit Grth Inc	108.80	116.60†	− 0.20	
Temple Equity Inc	48.42	52.48	− 0.11	3.05
Hartley Growth	108.80	115.70	+ 2.70	0.25
Intl Growth Inc	93.78	100.30	− 0.39	1.27
IPS Portfolio Inc	97.52	104.30	+ 0.60	.
Premier Pnshns Inc	72.59	77.64	+ 0.37	1.48
Roxburgh Strat Gth	82.53	88.27	+ 0.67	0.32
International Strat	90.12	96.39	− 0.49	
UFC Intl-Act Gth	65.26	69.80	− 0.25	
Chatfield Port of Fds	58.38	63.31	− 0.17	
Chartfield Sec	132.50	144.90	− 0.40	
Lowes Intl Growth	56.51	59.48	− 0.72	.
PM UT MGRS LTD				
0171 588 3963				
Equity Gth	254.50	270.70	+ 0.70	1.46
European Gth	131.40	139.40†	− 0.50	0.84
Income & Gth #	160.70	171.00	+ 0.30	2.86
Japan Gth	126.00	134.00†	− 1.50	
Nth Amer Gth	216.50	230.30†	− 1.60	
Overseas Gth	127.50	135.60†	− 0.90	.
PEARL UNIT TRUSTS LTD				
Dlg: 0800 828 577 Enq: 01733 470 470				
Equity	275.30	292.80	− 0.20	2.39
-do- Accum	594.80	632.70	− 0.40	2.39
Growth	179.50	188.90†	− 0.10	2.67
Income	266.60	283.50†	− 0.30	3.51
Intl Equity	297.30	316.20	− 2.30	0.63
-do- Accum	331.00	352.10	− 2.60	0.63
UK Income	73.88	78.59	− 0.04	3.03
UK Intl 25	92.83	98.75	− 0.21	1.92
New Europe	100.20	106.60	− 0.40	0.30
PERPETUAL UNIT TST MGMT				
01491 417 000				
Intl Growth Inc	708.06	757.09	− 1.23	0.34
-do- Accum	710.82	760.06	− 1.24	0.34
Income	419.50	448.67†	+ 0.93	3.13
Wwide Recovery	475.02	508.05	− 0.85	0.37
Amer Growth Inc	311.79	332.23	+ 2.01	0.01
-do- Accum	311.79	332.23	+ 2.01	0.01
Intl Emerging Cos	306.77	328.10	− 0.12	0.07
Far Estn Grw Inc	331.26	354.28	− 2.86	0.55
-do- Accum	332.45	355.57	− 2.97	0.56
Euro Gwth Inc	178.77	190.93	− 0.67	0.30
-do- Accum	179.39	191.59	− 0.67	0.30
UK Growth Inc	111.65	119.42	+ 0.18	2.64
-do- Accum	119.91	128.25	+ 0.19	2.64
High Income	110.86	118.57	+ 0.27	3.77
Jap Gwth Inc	234.42	250.25	− 1.43	0.01
-do- Accum	234.42	250.25	− 1.43	0.01
PEP Growth	146.89	157.02	− 0.36	0.67
Asian Sir Mkts Inc	145.43	155.55	− 1.18	0.01
-do- Accum	145.78	155.92	− 1.18	0.01
Amer Smlr Co Inc	204.88	219.13	+ 0.92	0.01
-do- Accum	204.88	219.13	+ 0.92	0.01
Global Bond	57.19	60.22	− 0.21	5.39
UK Smaller Cos Inc	110.54	118.23	+ 0.30	1.31
-do- Accum	116.30	124.39	+ 0.34	1.31
PILGRIM UNIT TRUST MGMT LTD				
0191 281 3927				
American	140.57	149.54†	− 0.95	.
European	94.02	100.02	− 0.39	.
Global	75.20	80.00	− 0.30	
Pacific	69.29	73.71†	− 0.24	.
UK Inc & Gth	79.76	84.85	− 0.23	2.00
PORTFOLIO FUND MGMT LTD				
Enq: 0171 638 0808 Dlg: 01277 690 430				
Fund of Funds	199.95	211.59	− 0.71	0.56
Emerg Mkts	50.95	53.92	− 0.58	0.96
High Income #	53.83	56.96†	− 0.09	5.71
PRINCIPAL UNIT TRUST MGMT LTD				
01732 740 700				
Principal Tst	169.86	180.71	+ 0.75	1.83
PROLIFIC UNIT TST MGRS LTD				
Enquiries: 0171 280 3700 Dealing: 0800 262 443				
American Income	123.00	130.90	− 0.90	2.99
Conv & Gilt	124.00	131.90	+ 0.10	5.30
European Income	86.44	91.96†	− 0.29	3.35
Extra Income	181.60	193.20	− 0.20	4.85
-do- Accum	231.90	246.70	− 0.30	4.85
Far East	469.30	499.30	− 5.30	0.13
-do- Accum	479.20	509.80	− 5.40	0.13
Global Income	29.10	30.95	− 0.14	5.06
High Income	135.60	144.50†	+ 0.20	4.35
-do- Accum	171.30	182.30	+ 0.30	4.35
International	227.40	242.80†	− 1.70	0.55
-do- Accum	235.60	250.60	− 1.90	0.55
Pref & Fxd Int	42.96	45.70†	+ 0.05	7.31
Recovery	88.24	93.88		2.11

	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
Special Sits	148.10	157.80	+ 0.80	1.39
-do- Accum	163.18	173.50	+ 0.80	1.39
Technology	790.10	840.50	− 10.30	.
UK Blue Chip	84.68	90.08	− 0.01	3.02
-do- Accum	97.31	103.50	.	3.02
PRUDENTIAL UNIT TRUSTS LTD				
0181 478 3377 Client Enq: 0171 911 4400				
Managed Tst	45.36	48.04	− 0.10	1.71
Cash Haven Inc	100.83	101.32	+ 0.02	5.07
Cash Haven Acc	117.07	117.64	+ 0.01	5.07
Dist Trust Inc	104.87	108.67†	+ 0.12	6.39
Dist Trust Acc	116.08	120.29†	+ 0.12	6.39
Global Growth	107.08	113.91	− 0.36	1.39
Equity Inc	91.49	97.33	− 0.12	4.49
Equity	852.19	906.50†	− 0.30	2.41
European	266.19	275.84	− 0.54	0.77
High Income	92.00	97.87†	+ 0.04	5.34
Intl Gwth	228.08	242.64	− 0.62	0.71
Intl Sm Co	99.41	105.76†	− 0.58	0.63
Japanese	243.97	252.82	− 2.07	.
Nth Amer	237.82	246.40	+ 1.13	1.25
Pacific Mkts	125.22	129.76	− 1.10	0.65
Premier Inc	47.44	49.36†	+ 0.09	6.69
Sm Cos	115.19	122.54†	− 0.14	1.65
Spec Sits	126.49	134.56	− 0.09	2.62
UK Growth	144.28	153.49	− 0.02	2.32
RELIANCE UNIT MGRS LTD				
01892 510 033				
British Life	336.30	356.70	− 0.20	3.21
ROTHSCHILD FUND MANAGEMENT				
Dealers: 0171 623 1000				
FA America (Inc)	661.66	703.29	− 3.34	0.48
FA America (Acc)	773.81	822.43	− 3.90	0.48
FA UK Equity Inc	181.49	193.96†	+ 0.03	.
FA Japan	265.83	282.86	− 3.40	.
FA Major UK Cos	112.91	120.38	− 0.06	1.77
FA Smlr UK Cos	387.68	421.72	− 1.58	0.72
FA European	408.65	433.98	− 1.55	0.32
FA Amer Smlr Cos	58.89	63.93	− 0.59	..
FA Asia	59.37	63.67	− 0.31	
FA Jap Smlr Cos	48.09	51.36	+ 0.01	.
RAM Personal Pension				
UK Major Cos	118.57	124.80	− 0.10	
UK Smlr Cos	114.29	120.30	− 0.44	
UK Income	119.38	125.65	+ 0.02	
America	133.50	140.52	− 0.66	.
Japanese	58.84	61.93	− 0.75	
European	130.76	137.63	− 1.73	
Gilt	95.86	100.90	+ 0.53	.
Deposit	88.79	93.45	+ 0.02	
Managed	116.24	122.35	− 0.18	
RAM FSAVC Scheme				
UK Major Cos	115.37	121.33	− 0.08	
UK Smaller Cos	111.43	117.29	− 0.44	
UK Income	116.26	122.37	+ 0.01	
America	128.70	135.47	− 0.65	
Japanese	57.18	60.18	− 0.72	
European	128.33	135.08	− 0.48	
Gilt	93.64	98.56	+ 0.47	
Deposit	84.97	89.44	+ 0.02	
Managed	108.87	114.59	− 0.15	
ROYAL LIFE FD MGMT LTD				
Prices: 01733 282 828 Gen Enq: 01733 390 000				
United States	120.00	127.70	− 0.70	0.24
Pacific Basin	87.96	94.30	− 0.82	0.24
High Inc Dist	152.80	163.60†		4.17
Ryl Life Intl Cmy	63.36	67.03†	+ 0.01	4.12
Ryl Life Intl Gwth	81.58	86.95	− 0.45	0.12
Ryl Life Intl Spec	75.77	80.60	− 0.25	.
UK Emerging Cos	159.50	172.40	− 0.30	0.89
UK Index Trckg	191.40	204.40†	− 3.70	1.53
European	164.10	176.30		0.27
Managed	182.50	196.20	− 0.60	1.01
ROYAL LONDON UNIT TST MGRS LTD				
01206 764 400				
American Growth	194.30	206.60	− 0.30	1.56
European Growth	139.10	147.40	− 0.70	2.23
Far East Growth	160.40	170.70	− 1.40	1.77
Japan Growth	146.00	155.20†		
Special Sits	255.50	271.80†	− 0.90	1.09
UK Growth	98.22	104.40	− 0.50	1.87
Tolpn General	296.90	315.90†	− 0.60	0.94
ST JAMES'S PLACE UT GROUP LTD				
0141 307 6500				
Far East Inc	188.10	199.00	− 1.40	0.42
Gilt Euro Prog Inc	405.50	429.10	− 2.70	0.34
-do- Accum	633.70	670.60	− 4.10	0.34
Growth Inc	161.20	170.60	− 1.70	0.18
-do- Accum	165.30	174.90	− 1.70	0.18
International Inc	418.90	443.30	− 4.50	0.07
-do- Accum	577.50	611.10	− 6.20	0.07
Nth Am & Intl Inc	411.20	435.10	− 0.90	0.30
UK Gen Prog Inc	255.90	270.80	− 0.40	0.86
-do- Accum	293.10	310.20	− 0.40	0.86
UK High Inc Inc	146.50	155.00	− 0.20	4.60
SANWA INTL INVEST SERVICES LTD				
0171 330 0572				
Asian Gwth	129.91	138.20	− 1.80	0.75
European Gwth	91.02	96.83	+ 0.08	1.00
Global Bd	61.74	65.24	− 0.19	5.00
Japan Sm Cos	61.32	65.17	− 0.61	
UK Gwth	90.31	96.07	+ 0.28	1.75
SAVE & PROSPER GROUP				
01708 766 966				
Amer Inc & Gwth #	89.01	94.69†	− 0.18	3.16
Amer Smlr Cos	155.90	165.83	− 1.40	
Asian Smaller Cos	49.48	52.64	− 0.32	.
Capital Portfolio	150.10	159.70†	− 0.18	1.96
Cash	133.10	133.10	− 0.10	5.43
China Dragon	63.78	67.85†	− 0.93	1.57
Commodity	176.50	187.80	− 1.50	
Eastern Discovery	120.20	127.90	− 1.20	
Emerging Mkts	40.75	43.35	− 0.38	
Energy Inds	158.40	168.50	− 0.40	
European Gwth	233.60	248.50	− 0.53	0.30
Euro Inc & Gwth #	94.05	100.10	− 0.10	1.69
Euro Smlr Cos	73.46	78.15	− 0.26	0.10
Extra Income #	53.23	57.04	− 0.05	6.20
Financial Secs	279.50	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
High Income #	41.31	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Gold & Exploration	140.93	149.93	− 1.70	
High Return #	254.32	270.60	− 0.20	4.35
High Yield #	255.60	273.00†	− 0.20	3.05
Income #	131.73	140.10	− 0.20	4.01
Intl Bond	170.23	179.10	− 5.50	6.07
ITU	241.70	257.10	− 1.10	0.51
Japan Growth	195.97	208.30	− 1.90	
Japan Smaller	203.00	216.00	− 1.10	
Korea	68.02	72.36	− 1.34	
Masterfund	61.23	61.57	− 0.13	0.90
Southern Africa	59.93	63.75	− 3.10	1.39
Scotbits	405.00	430.90	− 0.40	1.16
Scotshares #	350.10	372.40	− 0.23	1.83
Scotyields #	276.00	293.60	− 0.10	2.72
Select Intl	160.20	170.40	− 1.10	0.55
Smaller Cos Inc #	270.40	287.70†	− 1.40	2.29
SE Asia	57.35	61.01†	− 0.73	0.03
Special Situations	157.50	167.60	− 0.10	1.59
UK Equity #	287.50	305.80	− 0.10	2.42
UK Growth	78.99	84.03†	+ 0.05	1.92
UK & O'seas	199.00	211.70	− 0.60	1.07
UK Smlr Cos Gwth	62.23	66.20	− 0.04	1.21
US Growth	209.50	222.90	− 0.60	
Univ Growth	163.60	174.00†	− 1.10	0.47
SCHRODER UNIT TRUSTS LTD				
Clnt: 0800 526 535 Brkr: 0800 526 540				
Retail Funds				
American	331.51	351.69†	+ 4.74	0.93
-do- Accum	365.63	397.22†	+ 5.23	0.93
European Gwth	90.44	95.78	− 0.48	0.98
Euro Smlr Cos	110.83	117.67	− 0.43	0.30
Far Eastern Gth	119.89	126.81	− 1.85	
-do- Accum	121.18	129.26	− 1.89	
Gilt & Fixed Int #	50.65	53.38	+ 0.26	7.83
Global Bond #	52.81	54.57	− 0.18	6.93
-do- Accum #	61.18	63.21	− 0.21	6.93
Global Emer Mkts	59.93	63.92†	− 0.54	
-do- Accum	60.01	64.01†	− 0.54	
Income #	406.37	433.46	− 1.14	4.91
-do- Accum #	£13.46	£14.36	+ 3.78	4.91
Japan Smlr Cos	494.22	527.18	− 0.37	
-do- Accum	495.21	528.22	− 0.36	
Japan Enterprise	75.01	80.01†	− 0.82	
Pacific Gwth	166.58	177.68	− 1.15	0.62
-do- Accum	172.55	184.06	− 1.18	0.62
Portfolio	94.86	101.17	− 0.07	1.83
-do- Accum	104.71	111.68	− 0.08	1.83
Seoul	56.03	59.76	− 1.31	0.29
-do- Accum	56.03	59.76	− 1.31	0.29
Smaller Cos	307.07	327.54	+ 3.47	0.84
Strategic Inc	101.59	108.26	− 0.25	2.38
Strategic Acc	101.59	108.36	− 0.25	2.38
Tokyo	139.39	148.68	− 1.61	
-do- Accum	140.80	150.18	− 1.63	
UK Enterprise	334.96	357.29	+ 0.38	2.05
-do- Accum	409.03	436.29	− 0.48	2.05
UK Equity	297.88	317.73	+ 0.31	2.45
-do- Accum	592.21	631.69	+ 0.61	2.45
US Smlr Cos	236.23	251.97†	+ 1.39	
-do- Accum	236.23	251.97†	− 1.39	
Institutional Funds				
European	289.95	300.84	− 1.20	1.38
-do- Accum	325.75	337.98	− 1.39	1.38
Euro Smlr Cos	36.65	38.13	+ 0.04	1.20
-do- Accum	39.38	40.96	+ 0.03	1.20
Global Equity Inc	94.37	98.30†	− 0.67	0.88
Japan Smlr Cos	42.56	44.33	− 0.23	0.09
-do- Accum	42.93	44.71	− 0.23	0.09
Mngd Balanced	224.85	234.21	− 0.45	3.05
-do- Accum	262.18	273.08	− 0.53	3.06
Overseas Equity	230.21	239.80	− 1.58	1.16
-do- Accum	240.45	250.46	− 1.64	1.16
Oseas Smlr Cos	155.50	161.97	− 0.83	1.04
-do- Accum	163.86	170.68	− 0.87	1.04
Pacific	297.74	310.14†	− 1.94	1.16
-do- Accum	330.07	343.82†	− 2.16	1.16
Recovery	£23.84	£24.84	− 1.68	2.78
-do- Accum	£25.88	£26.96	− 1.82	2.78
UK Index	181.87	189.44	− 0.77	3.34
-do- Accum	228.80	238.33	− 0.97	3.34
UK Small Cos	143.16	149.12	+ 0.21	2.34
-do- Accum	157.16	163.70	+ 0.23	2.34
US Smlr Cos	68.49	71.34†	+ 0.56	0.72
-do- Accum	70.14	73.05†	+ 0.56	0.72
SCOTTISH AMICABLE UT MGRS LTD				
0141 204 2200				
Equity Income	58.36	61.72	− 0.26	3.13
Equity Trust	73.36	77.58	− 0.32	2.92
Equity Strategy	89.67	94.83	− 0.27	1.22
European Opps	105.80	111.88	− 0.84	0.51
UK Smaller Cos	81.73	86.43	− 0.14	0.87
Mastrmgn Inc	95.19	101.76	+ 0.08	6.12
Japanese	88.54	93.63	− 1.00	
Asia Pacific	138.74	146.72	− 1.16	0.49
American	134.96	142.72	+ 0.32	0.32
SCOTTISH EQUITABLE FD MGRS LTD				
0800 454 422				
Cash	32.67	32.67		5.52
UK General Inc	61.97	66.06†	+ 0.11	3.20
-do- Accum	81.44	86.82†	+ 0.15	3.20
Intl Income	307.40	327.90	− 1.60	1.66
-do- Accum	538.70	574.60	− 2.80	1.66
European	101.32	107.43	− 0.52	1.67
Japan	76.14	80.65	− 0.76	
American	92.51	97.95	+ 0.44	1.62
Far East	98.93	105.53	− 0.99	1.35
Ethical Inc	40.01	42.79	− 0.02	1.72
UK Blue Chip Inc	38.62	41.25†	+ 0.05	3.04
High Inc Inc	41.10	43.83	+ 0.06	3.63
UK Global Inc	48.09	51.29†	− 0.09	1.90
Wwide Tact	83.87	89.42	− 0.58	1.11
Europa 2000 Tact	68.99	73.44	− 0.44	1.02
Technology	164.88	175.69	− 0.85	0.86
SCOTTISH LIFE INVESTMENTS				
0131 225 2211				
UK Equity	462.10	492.80	+ 0.80	2.79
American	346.20	367.20	− 0.30	0.55
Pacific	451.90	483.30	− 5.10	0.76
European	689.00	715.50	− 3.70	1.07
Worldwide	108.30	115.80	− 0.90	0.44
SCOTTISH MUTUAL INV MGRS LTD				
0141 248 6100				
UK Equity Inc	322.70	343.30	+ 0.20	2.11
-do- Accum	417.60	444.30	+ 0.30	2.11
UK Sm Co Eq Inc	282.20	300.30	+ 0.70	0.94
-do- Accum	345.20	367.30	+ 0.80	0.94
Select Opplny Inc	85.29	91.22	− 0.13	1.60
Income Plus Inc	81.63	86.85	− 0.11	3.32
European Inc	432.40	460.10†	− 2.90	0.83
-do- Accum	493.10	524.90†	− 3.10	0.83
Far Eastern Inc	197.40	210.10†	− 1.80	0.81
-do- Accum	227.50	242.10†	− 2.20	0.81
Japanese Inc	68.00	72.35†	− 0.90	
Nth American Inc	317.90	338.20†		0.11
-do- Accum	351.40	373.90†		0.11

	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
Intl Growth Inc	241.10	256.50	− 1.90	0.79
Wwide Venture Inc	97.00	103.20	− 1.00	1.04
SCOTTISH WIDOWS' FUND MGMT				
0131 668 3724				
Equity Inc	434.60	463.50	− 1.80	2.33
-do- Accum	659.00	702.80	− 2.70	2.33
UK High Inc	204.10	217.70	− 0.80	3.03
-do- Accum	311.20	331.90	− 1.20	3.03
Europe Inc	470.10	501.30	− 2.10	0.56
Nth Amer Inc	314.70	335.60	− 1.60	.
Global Inc	266.70	284.40	− 1.70	0.25
Global Acc	287.30	306.40	− 1.80	0.25
UK Spec Sits Inc	127.10	135.50	− 0.40	1.69
South East Asia	264.10	281.70	− 2.30	0.36
Cash Trust Inc	101.90	101.90	+ 0.10	5.32
UK Smlr Cos Inc	128.70	137.20	+ 0.10	1.53
-do- Accum	134.00	142.90	+ 0.10	1.53
Intl Bond Inc	96.70	102.60	− 0.50	5.53
SHARP (ALBERT E)				
Enquiries: 01277 227 300 Dealing: 01277 261 010				
European	158.10	166.40	− 0.80	0.66
Nth American	141.80	149.30	− 0.50	0.06
Intl Bond & Conv	126.00	132.60†	...	6.72
Pooled Pension (C)	234.30	251.90†		1.90
Smaller Cos	113.40	119.40†	− 0.30	0.75
UK General	158.20	166.50†	− 0.50	2.36
Far Eastern	109.70	115.50	− 1.40	.
SINGER & FRIEDLANDER INVESTMENT FUNDS LTD				
0171 626 6226				
Amer Gth Fund ‡	129.39	.	− 0.96	
Aztec ‡	69.41	.	+ 0.25	
European ‡	161.21		− 0.79	.
Global Bond ‡	91.02	.	− 0.13	8.24
Investment Trust ‡	115.66		− 0.28	0.93
Preferred Income ‡	108.99		+ 0.08	4.64
Samurai ‡	62.25		− 0.50	
Sterling Reserve ‡	100.58		+ 0.01	5.30
UK Growth ‡	112.28		+ 0.09	2.33
Tai Pan ‡	111.72	...	− 1.16	
UK Emerg Leaders ‡	113.58		− 0.08	2.35
UK Equity Inc ‡	113.89		− 0.07	4.49
Glob Gwth PEP	78.36	83.36	− 0.35	1.18
Pref Inc PEP #	103.40	109.00†	− 0.10	5.50
Inv Trust PEP	58.18	61.89	− 0.10	
SMITH & WILLIAMSON UT MGRS				
0171 637 5377				
American	461.80	488.40	− 2.20	0.03
Capital	145.90	156.90†	− 0.70	1.36
Cash	100.83	100.63†	+ 0.02	5.47
European	160.90	170.20	− 0.90	0.94
Far Eastern	176.50	186.70	− 0.60	
Growth	162.60	171.40	− 1.40	1.02
Income #	136.60	144.50†	− 0.60	4.70
Magnum	156.00	166.70†	− 0.80	1.50
Smllr Secs	546.60	578.30†	− 3.10	0.17
Thoroughbred	181.60	194.40†	− 1.00	1.17
SOVEREIGN UNIT TST MGRS LTD				
01202 298 422				
Capital Primrose	57.20	61.18	− 0.23	7.00
Ethical	86.65	92.03	+ 0.91	0.29
European Growth	84.09	89.46	− 0.20	1.13
Income	60.48	64.68†	+ 0.30	4.30
Intl Growth	116.20	123.90†	− 0.80	1.17
Managed	96.64	103.00	− 0.20	1.96
UK Growth	79.50	85.02	− 0.12	1.14
STANDARD LIFE UNIT TRUSTS				
0800 393 777				
Standard Life Fund Mngmt Ltd				
Global Advtg Inc	47.07	47.31	− 0.20	1.54
Global Advtg Acc	51.00	51.26	− 0.20	1.54
Income Advtg Inc	34.88	35.06	− 0.30	3.55
Income Advtg Acc	40.00	40.21	− 0.35	3.56
UK Equity Gth Acc	94.52	100.20	− 0.40	1.00
Premier Inc Inc	47.70	50.21		7.73
Premier Inc Acc	49.57	52.18	+ 0.20	7.73
Managed Acc	62.07	65.80	− 0.30	1.33
UK Eq Hi Inc Inc	39.87	42.27†	− 0.20	4.08
UK Eq Hi Inc Acc	52.17	55.31	− 0.30	4.08
Standard Life Tst Mngmt Ltd				
UK Equity Gen Acc	75.13	79.83	− 0.40	2.11
UK Equity Gen Inc	54.27	57.67†	− 0.30	2.11
Gilt & Fxd Int Inc	30.79	32.57†	+ 0.10	7.00
Oseas Lrg Co Acc	384.00	416.70	− 0.70	1.45
Nth American Acc	59.14	62.84	+ 0.20	
Pacific Basin	50.10	53.24	− 0.30	0.37
European Acc	60.63	64.42	− 0.50	0.78
Japan Acc	30.27	32.17	+ 0.10	
STATE STREET UT MGMT LTD				
0171 344 7000				
Global A (NZS)	4.431	4.699		1.10
US Eqts (US$)	3.127	3.321		0.96
Far East Eqts (yen)	278.00	295.30		
FT Europe	154.10	163.70		1.19
FT N Amer (US$)	2.403	2.552		0.45
FT Japan (yen)	253.10	268.30		
FT Asia Exjap (US$)	2.910	3.091		0.79
STEWART IVORY UNIT TST MGRS LTD				
0131 226 3271				
American	545.20	578.30	− 4.40	
British #	1289.00	1363.80	+ 0.50	2.89
Emrging Mkts	162.70	173.30†	− 1.00	0.65
European	674.30	716.90	− 0.40	0.67
Japan	151.10	160.50	− 1.50	
New Pacific	463.40	494.60	− 4.60	0.98
-do- Accum	494.00	527.20	− 4.90	0.98
Inv Trust Acc	306.60	325.20	− 1.00	0.94
Mngd Equity	210.40	222.60	− 0.30	1.52
Mngd Cash	95.82	95.82	+ 0.01	5.49
SUN ALLIANCE UNIT TST MGMT LTD				
Enquiries: 01277 227 300 Dealing: 01277 690 399				
Equity	1049.20	1122.00	+ 1.00	1.90
North America	192.90	206.30	− 0.50	
Far East	183.40	196.20	− 1.90	0.25
Wwide Bond	62.13	62.64	− 0.22	4.52
European	131.30	140.40	− 0.80	1.40
Equity Income #	106.50	113.50		4.54
Portfolio	108.52	116.02†	− 0.30	1.74
UK Leading Cos	72.86	77.92	− 0.13	3.52
High Inc Bond	45.59	48.34†	− 0.05	7.20
Broker Trusts				
Intnl Equity	91.38	[illegible]	− 0.15	
SUN LIFE OF CANADA UT MGRS LTD				
0800 525 725				
Amer UT	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
European	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
High Income	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Japan	[illegible]	[illegible]	− 0.44	[illegible]
Managed Acc	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
North American	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Smlr Cos Inc	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Smlr Cos Acc	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
UK Growth Inc	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
UK Growth Acc	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
UK Income	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Worldwide Gth	[illegible]	[illegible]	− 0.25	[illegible]
Confederation				
European Exmpt	95.16	101.20	− 0.59	[illegible]
Asian & Oceanic Ex	35.36	36.46†	− 0.43	[illegible]
US Exmpt	97.22	100.34†	− 0.70	1.29
SUN LIFE TRUST MGMT LTD				
Admin & Enq: 0177 605 4044 Dlg: 0171 606 6010				
Discretionary	60.53	64.29	− 0.52	
Cap Protector Inc	46.52	49.49†	− 0.05	2.30
UK Income Inc	58.60	62.34	− 0.06	3.27
Mngd Extra Inc Inc #	[illegible]	[illegible]	− 0.02	5.11
Mngd High Yld Inc	96.55	[illegible]	+ 0.18	4.41
Mngd Inc/Gth Inc	[illegible]	[illegible]	+ 0.06	3.20
UK Smaller Cos	42.83	45.56	− 0.73	1.57
Pacific Gth Port	54.94	58.34	− 0.98	0.70
TSB UNIT TRUSTS				
01264 346 794				
American	300.41	317.90	− 1.62	
-do- Accum	330.89	350.15	− 1.79	
Brit Growth	114.32	120.98†	+ 0.14	1.94
-do- Accum	140.94	149.14†	+ 0.16	1.94
European	128.86	136.36	− 0.90	0.05
-do- Accum	137.15	145.13	− 0.96	0.05
Extra Income	204.99	216.92	− 0.10	3.99
-do- Accum	366.19	387.56	+ 0.17	3.99
Smaller Cos	92.12	97.49	− 0.22	0.55
-do- Accum	105.11	111.22	− 0.25	0.55
General	342.70	362.65	+ 0.26	2.17
-do- Accum	723.96	766.10	+ 0.54	2.17
Premier Income	49.69	51.76†	+ 0.16	6.93
-do- Accum	121.67	126.74†	− 0.39	6.93
Income	365.52	386.79	+ 0.44	3.54
-do- Accum	830.22	878.54	+ 1.01	3.54
Pacific	470.04	497.40	− 3.40	0.42
-do- Accum	493.89	522.64	− 3.56	0.42
International	661.97	700.49†	− 4.01	
-do- Accum	872.23	923.00†	− 5.77	
Nat Resources	229.83	243.21†	− 3.87	.
Sktd Opps	131.35	138.99	− 0.39	1.48
-do- Accum	171.30	181.27	− 0.50	1.48
Environmental Inv	76.06	80.42	− 0.01	1.31
Selector	73.62	77.90†	− 0.10	1.57
-do- Accum	85.12	90.07†	− 0.11	1.57
High Income	68.15	72.12	+ 0.06	4.42
-do- Accum	90.76	96.04	+ 0.07	4.42
Intl Income	63.03	66.69†	− 0.17	4.95
-do- Accum	63.33	67.12†	− 0.22	4.95
Selector Income	64.76	68.52†	+ 0.04	4.27
-do- Accum	80.63	85.32†	+ 0.04	4.27
TU FUND MANAGERS LIMITED				
0181 667 1018				
British	392.89	413.57	+ 0.44	2.59
TEMPLETON UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD				
0131 469 4000				
Glob Growth Inc	242.92	258.80	− 0.82	2.13
Glob Balncd Inc	200.61	214.56†	− 0.07	3.14
Value Tst Inc	145.54	155.66	− 1.00	1.75
THORNTON UNIT MANAGERS LTD				
0171 246 3000 Dealing: 0171 246 3001				
Dresdner Eur Bd	44.52	46.30	− 0.11	6.10
European Growth	340.81	356.86	− 1.49	0.70
Exempt	640.83	669.89†	+ 0.52	2.70
Global Em Mkts	92.34	96.69†	− 0.78	0.10
Japan Tst	87.49	91.61	− 1.19	
Little Dragons	104.11	109.01	− 1.08	
Nth Amer Gwth	292.57	306.35	− 0.71	0.60
Oriental Income #	49.53	51.86	− 0.43	3.10
Preference	127.66	133.67†	− 0.01	8.10
Tiger	319.84	334.91	− 3.27	
UK Blue Chip	73.31	76.76	− 0.03	2.00
UK Growth	640.49	670.67	+ 0.03	2.30
UK High Yield #	111.35	116.59†	+ 0.24	5.00
UK Mid-Cap	329.32	344.82†	− 0.07	2.40
UK Smlr Cos	134.34	140.66	− 0.27	0.70
UK Smlr Cos Div #	94.61	99.06	+ 0.24	5.40
UNITED FRIENDLY UT TST MGMT LTD				
01277 690 386				
UK Equity Income	112.93	120.14	+ 0.03	3.65
UK Equity Growth	101.14	107.60	+ 0.06	2.92
European	78.37	83.37	− 0.26	1.15
Nth American	92.68	98.61	− 0.07	0.13
Far Eastern	84.14	89.51	− 1.32	0.73
Money	70.54	70.54	+ 0.01	4.91
Fixed Interest	76.97	81.88	+ 0.11	6.24
Index Linked Gilt	69.61	74.05	+ 0.06	1.43
VIRGIN DIRECT PFS LTD				
0345 959595				
Income Trust	101.18	101.18†	+ 0.25	7.47
UK Index Tracking @	126.67	126.67†	− 0.52	2.82
WAVERLEY UNIT TST MGMT LTD				
0131 225 1551				
Australasian Gold	34.45	36.26	− 0.56	
Pacific Basin	48.72	51.28	− 0.27	.
Global Bond (US$)	0.8634	0.8953	+ 0.0106	
Penny Share	50.03	52.66	+ 0.15	
WHITTINGDALE UNIT TST MGMT LTD				
0171 623 2444				
Challenger	99.20	102.20	− 0.10	2.90
Short Dtd Gilt	121.70	123.30†	+ 0.10	
US Govt Bd (US$)	0.7703	0.7804	+ 0.0005	
Gilt Income	51.04	53.11	+ 0.15	6.50
Gilt Growth	75.14	78.21	+ 0.32	
Sterling Bond	48.77	50.58	+ 0.16	6.90
WOOLWICH UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD				
0181 298 4000				
Intl Mgd	56.67	60.35		1.40
UK Stockmarket	99.34	105.60	+ 0.20	2.26
Corporate Bond	47.72	47.86	+ 0.10	7.37

Source: Finstat

* Yield expressed as CAR (Compound Annual Return) † Ex dividend; ‡ Middle price. .. No significant data # Periodic Charge deducted from capital. @ Exit Charge.

Arraignment is surrender to court

Regina v Central Criminal Court, Ex parte Guney

Before Lord Goff of Chieveley, Lord Jauncey of Tullichettle, Lord Slynn of Hadley, Lord Steyn and Lord Hoffmann

[Speeches May 9]

Where a defendant on bail was present at a court hearing but was not officially required to surrender *and was formally arraigned, the* arraignment amounted to his surrender to the custody of the court. From that point on his further detention was solely within the discretion and power of the judge. Unless the judge granted him bail he remained in custody pending and during his trial.

Section 8 of the Criminal Justice Act 1987 expressly provided that a trial should begin with a preparatory hearing and that an arraignment should take place at the start of the preparatory hearing. Accordingly, there was no justification for applying a different rule to cases within that Act.

The judge could not deprive an arraignment of its legal effect. An agreement between the parties could not divest an arraignment of its effect on bail.

The House of Lords so held dismissing an appeal by the Serious Fraud Office, as an interested party and an effective respondent to the application for judicial *review by Mr Ramadan Guney,* from a majority decision dated February 1, 1995, of the Court of Appeal (Lord Justice Peter Gibson and Sir Michael Mann, Sir Thomas Bingham, Master of the Rolls dissenting) (*The Times* February 3, 1995; [1995] 1 WLR 576) whereby an appeal by Mr Guney *from the decision dated January 26, 1994 of the Queen's Bench* Divisional Court (Lord Justice Ralph Gibson and Mrs Justice Smith) (*The Times* February 1, 1994; [1994] 1 WLR 438) was allowed.

The Divisional Court had refused Mr Guney's application for judicial review of a decision dated July 30, 1993 of the Central Criminal Court (Mr Justice Tucker) requiring Mr Guney, as a surety for the bail of Mr Asil Nadir who had absconded to Northern Cyprus, to forfeit £650,000 of his recognisance in the sum of £1 million.

Mr Robert Owen, QC, Mr David Calvert-Smith and Mr Simon Browne-Wilkinson for the Serious Fraud Office; Mr Edmund Lawson, QC and Mr Russell Houston for Mr Guney.

LORD STEYN said that on December 16, 1990 Mr Nadir was charged with a number of offences of theft and false accounting. On December 17 Bow Street Mag*istrates Court remanded him on* bail.

The conditions of his bail included provisions that he had to deposit £2 million; that he had to provide five sureties in the sum of £1.5 million and that he had to live and sleep at a London address.

The grant of bail was continuous so long as the proceedings remained in the magistrates court and extended until Mr Nadir first surrendered to the custody of the crown court.

On January 28, 1991 Mr Guney signed a form of recognisance for sureties in criminal cases. The form stated that he acknowledged his obligation to pay the court £1 *million if Mr Nadir failed to* surrender to the custody of the court on April 23, 1991 at 2pm and custody at every time and place to which during the course of the proceedings the hearing might, from time to time, be adjourned and custody of the crown court on such day and at such time and *place as might be notified to Mr* Nadir by the appropriate officer of that court.

On October 25, after Mr Nadir had been charged with further offences, Bow Street Magistrates Court wrote to Mr Guney to inquire as to his willingness to continue to act as surety. On *November 1 he confirmed his willingness to continue as surety.*

The proceedings against Mr Nadir were assigned to Mr Justice Tucker. *On February 28, 1992,* and at the Central Criminal Court, Mr Justice Tucker held a preliminary hearing. Mr Nadir and his advisers were present.

The judge fixed June 22 as the date of the first preparatory hearing under section 7 of the 1987 Act. Mr Nadir was required to surrender to the custody of the court on that day.

On June 22 the preparatory hearing was held at Chichester Rents. That building had no cells. It also had no custody area set aside for persons surrendering to bail to report to an official or a particular office. The courtroom had no dock.

Mr Nadir, with his advisers, was present throughout the preparatory hearing. After some preliminary exchanges the judge said that the preparatory hearing would start. He asked Mr Nadir to stand up. The arraignment commenced. The counts in the indictment were then put to him. He pleaded not guilty to them.

At no stage during the preparatory hearing was any reference made to Mr Nadir's bail. The fact that Mr Guney was not present to agree to any extension of his recognisance caused counsel for both sides to agree that it was unnecessary for Mr Nadir to surrender to the custody of the court on that occasion. Both counsel bona fide believed that their agreement effectively kept Mr Guney's recognisance in force. The judge was not informed of that arrangement.

Subsequently, further preparatory hearings were held. In April 1993 Mr Guney applied to withdraw his recognisance but abandoned the application before it was considered by the court. On May 4 Mr Nadir absconded and was a fugitive from justice ever since.

Mr Guney was called upon to *show cause why he should not* forfeit £1 million. The judge ruled that in view of the agreement between counsel that Mr Nadir should not surrender to his bail on June 22, 1992 he must be regarded as not having surrendered to bail on that occasion. The judge ordered that Mr Guney should *forfeit £650,000 and that in default of payment within six months* Mr Guney should serve two years imprisonment. Mr Guney applied *for judicial review.*

It would be convenient to discuss the issues in the following order:

1 Whether there was a rule that a defendant in criminal proceedings, who was on bail and did not otherwise surrender to bail, did so by operation of law on his formal arraignment;

2 If so, whether a different rule obtained under the 1987 Act and

3 Whether any applicable rule could be varied by order of the judge or agreement between the parties or their counsel.

The duty of a defendant who had been *granted bail by the magistrates* was to surrender to the custody of the court at the required time and place and, depending on arrangements at various trial centres, he might be required to report to a particular office or a particular official: *DPP v Richards* ([1988] QB 701, 711).

What happened when the defendant, although present at the court hearing, was not officially required to surrender but was formally arraigned? Did he remain on bail after arraignment until the judge ordered otherwise?

The arraignment of a defendant involved calling him to the bar by name, reading the indictment to *him and asking him whether he* pleaded guilty or not. When a defendant, who had not previously surrendered to custody, was so arraigned he surrendered to the custody of the court.

His further detention was solely within the discretion and power of the judge. Thus, unless the judge *granted bail, the defendant re*mained in custody pending and during his trial.

Given the express provisions of section 8 of the 1987 Act, the trial began with a preparatory hearing and arraignment took place at the start of the hearing. There was no justification for applying a different rule to cases governed by the 1987 Act. There was nothing in the Act, or in its purposes, which in any way altered the legal effect on bail of an arraignment.

Given that arraignment operated in law as a surrender to custody, the judge might not in law abdicate his responsibility in respect of the custody of the defendant. He could not deprive an arraignment of its legal effect. A *fortiori the agreement of the par*ties could not divest an arraignment of its effect on bail.

Whatever might mistakenly have been thought and done in the past, the rule was that where a defendant had not previously surrendered to custody *his* arraignment amounted in all cases as a matter of law to a surrender by the defendant to the custody of the court.

Lord Goff, Lord Jauncey, Lord Slynn and Lord Hoffmann agreed.

Solicitors: Serious Fraud Office; Kaim Todner, Islington.

Power to try all charges together

Regina v Christou (George)

Before Lord Goff of Chieveley, Lord Griffiths, Lord Browne-Wilkinson, Lord Taylor of Gosforth and Lord Hope of Craighead

[Speeches May 9]

Where an accused was charged with sexual offences against more than one person and the evidence of one complainant was not such as to be admissible on the charges concerning the other complainants in accordance with the principle laid down in *Director of Public Prosecutions v P* ([1991] 2 AC 447) the trial judge had a discretion to order that all charges should be tried together, having regard to the provisions of the Indictments Act *1915 and the Indictment Rules (SI* 1971 No 1253 (L 31)).

The House of Lords so held in dismissing an appeal by George Christou against his conviction for indecent assaults on his two young female cousins and sentence of a total of three and a half years imprisonment following a trial *where the counts concerning each* complainant were tried together.

The Court of Appeal dismissed his appeal based on the contention, inter alia, that the indictment should have been severed and the counts in respect of each complainant tried separately, but certified the point as of general public importance and the House of Lords gave leave to appeal.

Rule 9 of the 1971 Rules provides: "Charges for any offences may be joined in the same indictment if those charges are founded on the same facts, or form or are part of a series of offences of the same or similar character."

Section 5 of the 1915 Act provides: "(3) Where, before trial, or at any stage of a trial, the court is of opinion that a person accused may be prejudiced or embarrassed in his defence by reason of being charged with more than one offence in the same indictment, or that for any other reason it is desirable to direct that the person should be tried separately for any *one or more offences* charged in an indictment, the court may order a separate trial of any count or counts of such indictment."

Mr Brian Higgs, QC and Mr Christopher Drew for the appellant; Mr Anthony Scrivenor, QC and Ms Jane Sullivan for the prosecution.

LORD TAYLOR said that there could be no dispute that the counts in the present case relating to both alleged victims fell squarely within the scope of rule 9. They were therefore properly joined in one indictment. It was also accepted that section 5(3) of the Act gave the court a discretion as to whether or not counts on the same indictment should be separately tried.

However, Mr Higgs argued that in cases of sexual abuse of children where the evidence of one child was not admissible in support of allegations by another child, the judge's discretion should always be exercised in favour of severing the counts relating to those children.

Since *R v Cannan* ((1990) 92 Cr App R 16) had not been overruled and the point now at issue had not been argued in *DPP v P* the words used by Lord Mackay of Clashfern, Lord Chancellor (at p463A) on which Mr Higgs sought to rely had to be regarded as obiter.

The proper approach to the question of severance was that stated by Lord Lane, Lord Chief Justice, in *Cannan* (at p23): "... the Indictment Act 1915 gives the judge a discretion, and ... that is not a matter with which this court will interfere, unless it is shown that the judge has failed to exercise *his discretion upon* the usual and proper principles, namely, taking into account all things he should, and not taking into account anything which he should not."

His Lordship's reasons were as follows: the statutory provisions undoubtedly gave the trial judge a discretion. To hold that he had to decide the question of severance in a particular way would be to fetter that statutory discretion.

In what cases would the fetter apply? To all sexual offences? Or only to sexual abuse of children? If so, children of what age? Would such a fetter apply only where children were giving evidence or equally, as here, where mature adults were giving evidence of abuse during their childhood? No satisfactory answer *of general* application could be given to such questions.

It was clear that no such fetter existed in the law of Scotland. Although corroboration of a sexual complaint was required by Scots law, counts might be and were tried jointly even where the evi*dence on one was not* corroborative of the evidence on another.

Looking specifically at sexual abuse of children, cases could vary greatly. A defendant might be indicted for discrete incidents of sexual abuse of different children in different places at different times, so that the allegations in *respect* of each count were in "water-tight compartments".

By contrast when, as here, the allegation was of a continuous course of conduct within one household involving two or more children over the same period and in similar circumstances, joint trial of all the counts might well be appropriate. Indeed, in such cases the principles laid down in *DPP v P* would often render the evidence of one child admissible to support *the evidence of the other.*

Lord Lane in the quoted passage refrained from specifying the factors a judge should consider when taking into account all things he should. They would vary from case to case but the essential criterion was the achievement of a fair resolution *of* the issues. That required fairness to the accused but also to the prosecution and those *involved in* it.

Some but by no means an exhaustive list of the factors which might need to be considered were: how discrete or inter-related were the facts giving rise to the counts; *the impact of ordering two or more* trials on the defendant and his family, on the victims and their families and on press publicity; and, importantly, whether directions the judge could give to the jury would suffice to secure a fair trial if the counts were tried together.

Approaching the question of severance as indicated above, judges would often consider it right to order separate trials. But his Lordship rejected the argument that either generally or in respect of any class of case the judge had to so order.

LORD HOPE, concurring, said *that he wished to add a few words* concerning the position in Scotland where the test to be applied was whether there was a risk of real prejudice to the accused if all the charges were to proceed together under the same indictment. There was no fetter on the way in which that discretion was to be *exercised.* The principle to which Lord Lane made reference in *Cannan* (at p23) applied.

A material risk of real prejudice to the accused was not thought to arise merely because the charges related *to different kinds* of crime committed at different times in different places and under different circumstances.

Experience showed that under proper directions juries were well able to consider each charge in an indictment separately. Their verdicts demonstrated time and time again that they had done so.

In practice motions for separation of charges were granted only *in very* clear cases where fairness to accused made it necessary.

Lord Griffiths delivered a concurring speech and *Lord Goff* and Lord Browne-Wilkinson agreed.

Solicitors: Bernard Oberman & Co; Crown Prosecution Service, Central Casework Unit.

Valuing property after conversion

Regina v East Sussex Valuation Tribunal, Ex parte Silverstone

Before Mr Justice Carnwath

[Judgment May 8]

When a purchaser of a property consisting of two separate dwellings converted them into a single unit and applied for it to be valued for the purposes of council tax under the Local Government Finance Act 1992, that amounted to the valuation of a new dwelling and not the alteration of the list to change two existing valuations into a single valuation.

The statutory assumptions on which valuations were made were not rebuttable and applied regardless of the actual facts of individual cases.

Mr Justice Carnwath so held in the Queen's Bench Division when dismissing an application by Mr D. C. V. Silverstone for judicial review of a decision on November 3, 1994 of the East Sussex Valuation Tribunal.

Mr Silverstone in person; Mr *Stephen* Hall-Jones for the tribunal.

MR JUSTICE CARNWATH said that Mr Silverstone had used the wrong procedure. This was a statutory appeal on a point of law *under the Council Tax (Alteration* of Lists and Appeals) Regulations (SI 1993 No 290). However, it was not necessary to rule him out on that score.

Since it was a genuine oversight by a litigant in person and there was no prejudice to other parties the court would use its residual *jurisdiction under judicial review.*

In March or April 1993 Mr Silverstone had bought a property at 24 Markwick Terrace, St Leonards-on-Sea, consisting of two flats placed in Band C for purposes of council tax.

He planned to carry out extensive repairs and convert them into a single dwelling. The work was done by Mr Silverstone himself and was a slow process. He was living in the property although it was vacant for about three months after he bought it.

Mr Silverstone applied for an alteration to the valuation so as to *have the whole property valued as* a single property in Band C.

Following *inspection by a listing* officer the property was placed in Band E, a higher band. Mr Silverstone appealed to the valua*tion tribunal who also decided that* the property be placed in Band E.

His Lordship said that there were *for the purposes of valuation* certain assumptions under regulation 6 of the Council Tax (Situation and Valuation of Dwellings) Regulations (SI 1992 No 550), for example that the interest sold was freehold, free from any encumbrance and with vacant possession and that the dwelling was in a reasonable state of repair. It was an artificial exercise, the object being to ensure that all properties were valued on a reasonably uniform basis.

The assumptions prescribed were expressly made mandatory. An assumption by definition was a hypothesis which might be adopted whether or not it was in fact true. That was a familiar concept in valuation law.

The whole purpose would be lost if it were open to individual owners to rebut the assumption by reference to individual cases. Therefore on that point the tribunal's decision was clearly correct and the application failed.

Mr Silverstone said that the *value of his property was reduced* by the demolition of some of the internal walls during the process of conversion and that therefore he could claim a reduction in the valuation.

His Lordship said that that was a misconception. Regulation 4 of the 1993 Regulations which dealt *with alteration of valuation bands* applied to the dwellings which were already in the valuation list.

The removal of two existing dwellings and the inclusion of a new dwelling constituted the insertion of a new valuation band for that dwelling whereas regulation 4 was concerned with demolition works affecting the value of existing dwellings.

But even where the case was made for alteration under regulation 4 the value following demolition would have to be assessed under the same statutory assumptions.

Solicitors: Hillmans, Eastbourne.

Recalling patient to same hospital

Regina v Secretary of State for the Home Department and Another, Ex parte D

Before Sir Thomas Bingham, Master of the Rolls, Lord Justice Evans and Lord Justice Ward

[Judgment April 24]

A warrant of recall issued under section 42(3) of the Mental Health Act 1983 authorised not only a patient's compulsory readmission and detention in hospital but also reinstatement of the stringent regime of control provided by section 41 of the Act.

Where, therefore, a patient, subject to orders made under sections 37 and 41, had been conditionally discharged but readmitted to hospital under section 3 of the 1983 Act, the secretary of state was entitled to issue a warrant recalling him to the hospital where he was already a patient as a result of his readmission.

The Court of Appeal so held, dismissing an appeal by D from Mr Justice Hidden (*The Times* April 1) who had refused his application for an order of habeas corpus directed to the Secretary of State for the Home Department and Eastbourne and County Health Care NHS Trust and made on the ground that the warrant of recall had been issued without jurisdiction.

In 1985 D had been found not guilty of murder by reason of insanity. He was detained under section 5(1)(a) of the Criminal Procedure (Insanity) Act 1964 and orders were made under sections 37 and 41 of the Mental Health Act 1983.

In March 1994 he had been conditionally discharged from the Ashen Hill Unit of Hellingly Hospital, Hailsham, Sussex, under an order of a mental health review tribunal but, on becoming ill in January 1995, he was readmitted under section 3 of the Act.

In May, the secretary of state issued a *warrant for his recall to* the Ashen Hill Unit where he was already detained under section 3. In July the six-month detention authorised by the section 3 admission ended and the period was not renewed under that section, authority to detain D thereafter resting on the warrant.

*In November the review tri*bunal to which the secretary of state had referred his case on recall recommended his continued detention.

Mr Kris Gledhill for D; Mr Christopher Katkowski for the secretary of state; Mr Roger McCarthy, QC, for the health care *trust.*

THE MASTER OF THE ROLLS said that it was the clear statutory intent that where the conditions were satisfied for making a section 37 order and the circumstances justified a restriction order under section 41 a patient became subject to a more *stringent form of control, subject to* the overall decision of the secretary of state and ultimately a mental health review tribunal in the interests of the general public.

His Lordship contrasted that regime with that of ordinary patients admitted under section 3 of the Act where a measure of control was exercised, not by the secretary of state, but by the responsible medical officer and the hospital managers.

Section 3, appearing in Part II of the Act which dealt with civil or non-criminal admissions, provided for the admission of a patient for a maximum period of six months in the first instance; that period might be renewed, but in the absence of any renewal authority for the admission lapsed.

Mr Gledhill had submitted that the natural understanding of "recall" was "to bring someone back", and that someone could *not* be brought back to a *place where he* already was. Accordingly, he had argued that if a patient was in hospital at the time the secretary of state wished to issue a warrant of recall he could *not* do so, since he lacked jurisdiction.

As a fallback position Mr Gledhill had suggested that if the *patient was in a particular hos*pital, he could not be recalled to that hospital, but could be to any other hospital.

His Lordship rejected those submissions. He agreed that the most obvious meaning of "recall" was to authorise the bringing back of someone to where he once was, but *his Lordship could not accept that* Parliament could ever have intended the provisions to have the limited and narrow effect for which Mr Gledhill had contended.

A warrant under section 42(3) was a form of legal authority. It authorised the compulsory readmission of a patient and his *detention.* It also authorised, inevitably, the reinstatement of the regime of control under section 41.

That was the purpose of the secretary of state authorising the recall so that he could resume the restrictive powers which he sought to exercise over that patient. "Recall" had to be understood as *authorising not only the physical* recall, but also the reinstatement of a regime of control.

It would be absurd if the effect of a section 3 admission were to deny the secretary of state powers which he might well wish to exercise pursuant to section 41. It would be absurd if he could only exercise *those powers if the patient were* ceremonially allowed to leave one hospital in order that the warrant could be properly issued.

It would be absurd if the fact that he was in one hospital would justify his recall to any hospital other than that hospital, not least because if he were recalled to any other hospital he could then be transferred to that hospital.

It had to be inferred that Parliament would not have wished to countenance those various absurdities.

His Lordship would dismiss the appeal.

Lord Justice Evans and Lord Justice Ward agreed.

Solicitors: Steel & Shamash; Treasury Solicitor; Donne Mileham & Haddock, Brighton.

No benefit payable for child in voluntary care

McLavey v Secretary of State for Social Security and Another

Before Lord Justice Staughton, Lord Justice Aldous and Lord Justice Douglas Brown

[Judgment April 30]

A child who was voluntarily placed in local authority accommodation was "in the care of a local authority" for the purposes of paragraph 1(c) of Schedule 9 to the Social Security Contributions and Benefits Act 1992.

Therefore, his mother could not receive child benefit in respect of him by virtue of regulation 16(5)(f) of the Child Benefit (General) Regulations (SI 1976 No 965), as amended by regulation 3 of the Child Benefit (General) Amendment Regulations (SI 1991 No 2105).

The Court of Appeal so held dismissing an appeal by Frances Mary McLavey against the decision of Mr A. W. E. Wheeler, a social security commissioner, on September 12, 1994 to uphold a decision of the social security appeal tribunal that she had been overpaid £132.60 child benefit in respect of one of her sons and was not entitled to child benefit in respect of another son.

Mr Richard Drabble, QC, for the appellant; Mr J. R. McManus for the secretary of state and the Chief Adjudication Officer.

LORD JUSTICE STAUGHTON said that two of the appellant's sons had been placed in local authority accommodation under section 20 of the Children Act 1989.

The Social Security Contributions and Benefits Act 1992 provided by paragraph 1(c) of Schedule 9 that no person was entitled to child benefit in respect of a child "in the care of a local authority" in certain prescribed circumstances.

Regulation 16(5)(f) of the 1976 Regulations, as amended, provided that one prescribed circumstance was where a child was provided with accommodation by a local authority under section 20 of the 1989 Act.

The appellant argued that regulation 16(5)(f) was outside the powers of the secretary of state because paragraph 1(c) in Schedule 9 to the 1992 Act must refer to the making of a care order under the 1989 Act and not to a child being taken into local authority accommodation under the procedure which used to be known as voluntary care.

Regulation 16(5) was originally made under the Child Benefit Act 1975. The concept of care at that time was rather different. There were two kinds of care: a care order pursuant to an order of the magistrates' court, and voluntary care, when a child was placed in local authority accommodation.

When the 1989 Act was enacted those two kinds of care still survived in substance but only one, a care order under section 31, was described by section 105, the interpretation section, as providing for a child to be in the care of the local authority.

If the expression "a child in the care of a local authority" in paragraph 1 of Schedule 9 to the 1992 Act was regulated by the interpretation section in the 1989 Act then neither of the appellant's sons was in the care of the local authority.

It seemed to his Lordship that where a child was in local authority accommodation within section 20 of the 1989 Act the local authority had, in the ordinary meaning of language, a duty to care for the child and the child was in local authority care. However, such a child was not, within the meaning of the 1989 Act, in the care of a local authority.

The change brought about by the 1989 Act might have arisen by reason of the new concept of parental responsibility: Parliament was drawing a distinction between children who by order of the court were cared for by the local authority and those who remained in the parental responsibility of some other person but were being provided with accommodation by, and were in the de facto care of, the local authority.

Two questions had to be asked:

1 When Parliament enacted the 1989 Act did it intend to do more than create that distinction for the purposes of the 1989 Act, and to alter *the meaning of the 1975 Act* as it then was. If so regulation 16(5)(f) was outside the powers of the secretary of state.

2 If not, did Parliament alter the law on child benefit when it enacted the 1992 Act? That was a consolidating Act and the presumption was that it was not intended to change the law.

His Lordship's said Parliament had not intended either of those things. The 1989 Act was concerned with the law about children, it was not concerned with the distribution of money provided by Parliament for social security purposes. Therefore, what was the *present meaning* of the words "in the care of a local authority" in paragraph 1(c) of Schedule 9 to the 1992 Act? *In his Lordship's judg*ment, those words did not refer to the meaning of being in care as defined *in section 105 of the 1989* Act.

There were two possible meanings:

1 The meaning under the 1975 Act which referred to the two kinds of care that then existed: a care order pursuant to an order of the magistrates' court and voluntary care; or

*2 The ordinary and natural mean*ing of care: when, by whatever route, a child was being cared for by the local authority, the child was in the care of the local authority.

Either of those meanings was capable of resulting from the legislation and it was not necessary in the present case to decide between them. If it were, his Lordship would incline to the second meaning, the words should be given their ordinary and natural meaning.

Accordingly, the social security commissioner's decision was right.

Lord Justice Aldous and Lord Justice Douglas Brown agreed.

Solicitors: Tyndallwoods, Birmingham; Solicitor, Department of Social Security.

Correction

In *R v Secretary of the State for the Home Department, Ex parte Venables; R v Same, Ex parte Thompson (The Times May 7)* Mr David Pannick, QC and Mr Mark Shaw appeared for the Home Secretary.

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Should English National Opera dump the Coliseum and move to a purpose-built new theatre?

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Mozart with warts on: Music Theatre London revives its street-wise staging of *Don Giovanni*

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Evgeny Kissin displays his magnificent piano technique to a packed Festival Hall

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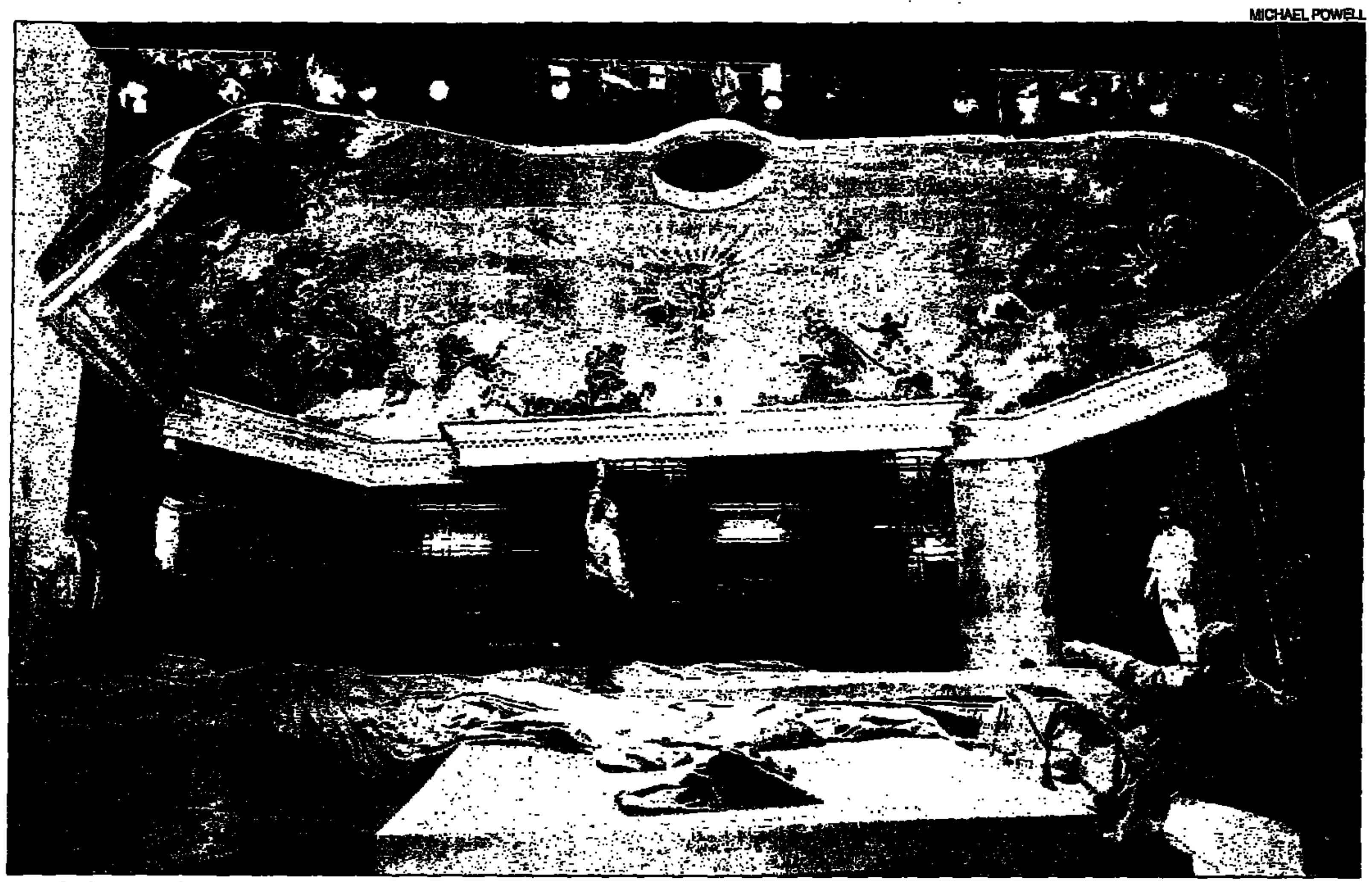
If music be the love of food . . . the percussionist Evelyn Glennie unveils her new "kitchen" piece

English National Opera may be about to abandon one of London's greatest theatres. **Richard Morrison** reports

Final curtain for opera at the Coliseum?

MICHAEL POWELL



Quick-change artists: English National Opera technicians juggle the massive sets of *Tosca, Fidelio* and *Ariodante* on the stage of the Coliseum

The plank sways as we walk along it. Only slightly. Just enough to freeze the blood. "Don't look down," shouts the cheery Ted Murphy, English National Opera's head of technical services. Naturally I look down. The stagehands below, striking the *Fidelio* set, seem very small. So does the single guide-wire separating me from the big drop. "Built this bridge myself," says Murphy, reassuringly. "It's the *only* way over the stage."

Murphy's bridge hangs just under the London Coliseum's massive grid: the network of steel bars that bears the load of every set necessary for ENO's current repertoire. At that moment the vast platform which is a central feature of *Fidelio* is being winched towards us. "Weighs nine tons, that thing," says Murphy. "We call it The Monster."

Most modern opera houses have side-stages on which sets can be stored and then moved painlessly into position on pneumatic wagons. But the Coliseum is not a modern opera house. It is an Edwardian variety hall, one of Frank Matcham's finest, but never intended for "if it's Tuesday it must be *Tosca*" purposes. There are no side-stages. In truth, there is not enough space anywhere, even under the grid. The Coliseum measures 21 metres from floor to grid, says Murphy with a sigh. The Bolshoi in Moscow is 34 metres, while Chicago's Lyric Theatre boasts an all-American 42 metres.

Nevertheless, ENO has nowhere else to put its sets except suspended from the grid. So up goes the *Fidelio* Monster, hanging on cables while, directly below, the company performs three other operas in nightly sequence. All *their* sets will also be "flown" from the grid. And this laborious changeover of gigantic sets happens 650 times a year.

So, I suggest nervously, this grid must be really solid, modern engineering? "Built in 1904, like the building," says Murphy. "But don't worry, it's fine . . . considering its age. The only problem is when there's been a heavy fall of snow. Then we have to call in a structural engineer to make sure the roof can support the extra load."

> ‘You could spend £60m and not solve the problem’

I make a mental note: never go backstage at the Coliseum in January. But by now we have reached a series of ropes, hundreds of them, colour-coded according to the stage set that they raise or lower. Virtually nothing at the Coliseum is done by machinery. Murphy has 28 people working in shifts, seven days a week, to prepare the stage for the next rehearsal or performance. The stage crew work a basic 54 hours a week for £24,000; but then comes overtime. "Most end up doing an 80-hour week," Murphy says.

He indicates one rope. "That's *Tosca*. Try pulling it." I do. The rope won't budge. "Perhaps the brake is still on," I suggest feebly. Murphy grins. "That's the test I give to people who come for job interviews," he says. "You've just failed."

What am I doing here, in this antiquated, terrifying world of ropes and counterweights and nine-ton Monsters? In fact, I am trying to answer another set of questions. Should ENO dump the Coliseum? Should it leave behind this much-loved but hopelessly impractical old theatre, and build itself a spanking new opera house, with all the side-stages and hydraulic lifts that Ted Murphy's heart could desire?

Four years ago, the question would have been unthinkable. That was when the Government, with help from the Foundation for Sport and the Arts, bought the Coliseum from Stoll Moss Theatres and presented it to ENO: a home for ever, or so it seemed. But it soon became apparent that the Coliseum would not last for ever without much structural improvement. Its foyers and bars are tiny; its space for catering and corporate entertaining laughable; its rehearsal rooms non-existent; its air-conditioning Victorian; its plumbing Plantagenet.

In the 1980s, such problems would have produced "patch up and hope" remedies. But the arrival of the National Lottery persuaded the ENO board to seek a long-term solution. They commissioned a study to evaluate the options for ENO and the Coliseum.

That study will be completed in the summer. But two alternative scenarios are already apparent. The first is for the Coliseum to be subjected to a major redevelopment, costing up to £60 million. For that tidy sum, the front of house could be made much more attractive, and backstage facilities brought into line with EU health and safety standards.

"But what you couldn't do," says Dennis Marks, ENO's general director, "is run the theatre as most modern opera houses do, so that while you were performing one show you could be building or rehearsing the next one." The Coliseum backstage simply cannot be expanded: the site is landlocked. Ted Murphy's squads of 80-hours-a-week musclemen would go on shifting sets by hand till kingdom come. And £60 million would have been spent without solving the main problem.

Which brings us to the second option. ENO would leave the Coliseum for ever; there would be no shortage of buyers for the old place, since it would ideally house a long-running musical. Meanwhile, ENO would seek lottery money to build a new opera house of 2,000 seats, with a smaller adjacent theatre seating 800. "We need to deliver 200 opera nights a year," says Marks. "But we don't need to deliver all of them in a 2,000-seat auditorium. Mozart, Monteverdi, some 20th-century work: this could be done in a smaller space." Whichever theatre was not in use for opera could then be used by visiting dance companies. That's the theory, anyway.

Marks says that "within Zone 1 of the London Underground system" there are no fewer than 50 potential sites for such a well-equipped twin-theatre complex. That seems a suspiciously high figure. But what might worry people even more, I suggest, is whether London has the audience to support a new opera-cum-ballet house for ENO *and* the redeveloped Covent Garden. The Arts Council's recent Stevenson report suggested that it doesn't.

Marks bristles. "The Stevenson report was based on figures produced at the depth of the recession," he says. "Without any doubt whatsoever we know that there is an audience for both houses."

So this is ENO's stark choice. Marks will not publicly favour one option over the other until the study is finished. Even then, the decision will be tough. For all its faults, the Coliseum is adored by audiences and, more surprisingly, by those who work there. Like some veteran chorus-girl, it looks like a wreck by day, yet still puts on a hell of a show each night.

The ENO staff that I met seemed to have no great enthusiasm for a move to new premises. But there was an acknowledgement that such a move might be the only sane way forward. ENO's technical director, Laurence Holderness, summed up the general feeling. "At the Coliseum it's a logistical nightmare on the stage, every day. But for 1904 this was a fabulous building, and it still is. If we do build a new theatre, I hope we also have the vision to build one that will last for a hundred years."

RECITALS: Mixed fortunes for strong characters in a tale of two virtuosos

A star for all seasons

Evgeny Kissin
Festival Hall

IT IS audiences who turn musicians into performing animals, and only the noblest artist dare resist. Evgeny Kissin responded to the bawling, braying and wild whistling at the end of his sold-out Festival Hall recital by giving them what they wanted: Weber's whirligig of a *Perpetuum mobile*, and two extravagant transcriptions, Liszt's of Schumann's song *Fruhlingsnacht* and Tausig's of Schubert's *Marche militaire*.

At 25, Kissin has at least 23 performing years' experience of obsessive adoration, and knows pretty well how to handle it. And, apart from being the inevitable concert-of-the-disc (complete with signing session afterwards), this recital was something more besides. From first note to last the programme had a satisfying intellectual and musical coherence.

At its heart lay the experience of one composer's response to another, refracted through the glass of a third, recreating, spirit. First came Busoni's transcription of Bach's great *Chaconne*. Kissin answered its extreme contrasts of dynamic and tempo with a highly strung flamboyance of his own.

Kissin's energy and impetuosity carried over into Schumann's *Fantasie in C*: drawing back, from time to time, from its many shapes of fancy to reveal the simple eloquence of song. Beethoven's *Moonlight* Sonata was seductively simple, its oscillating rhythms a mere ripple of a breeze on the surface of moving water.

Liszt, that transcriber supreme, provided the grandest of finales. His *Transcendental Studies*, inspired by Paganini's writing for the violin, best live up to their name when they transcend virtuosity itself. In Kissin's hands they did. In the *Harmonies du soir* one was only incidentally aware of the technical prowess of the writing; in *Feux follets* the will-o'-the-wisps seemed to move with a will of their own as the fingers barely touched the keys.

Weber's hunting horns rang out of the C minor *Wilde Jagd* study, heralding the exuberant patterning of cross-references in a triptych of encores Kissin clearly enjoyed as much as his audience.

HILARY FINCH

Done to a turn

Evelyn Glennie
Queen Elizabeth Hall

IS A woman's place in the kitchen or up on the stage? If you are Evelyn Glennie the question is otiose: you can be in both places at once. *My Dream Kitchen* is a piece cooked up for Glennie by jazzman Django Bates, which exploits the percussive potential of kitchen utensils. "Ev's Café" is set up on the stage, the proprietress wearing a chef's hat, with a row of pots and pans suspended, crying out to be struck. It is a nice idea, and the comic touches are neatly executed by Glennie, though this is hardly Bates at his brilliant best.

Glennie's current tour, *Striking Ahead*, offers an entire programme by living composers. How many other artists could fill the QEH with contemporary music alone? The downside is that many of the pieces are not terribly good. The most interesting, and certainly the most enigmatically titled, is Kevin Volans's *She Who Sleeps With a Small Blanket*. This also features the marimba, placed centre stage, towards which the work progresses — literally, since the performer leaves her bongos and congas behind, to play out on it the last poignant scene of an imagined drama.

Javier Alvarez's *Temazcal* also ended with an imaginative twist, when the maracas (tediously deployed up to then) turned into a Latin American backing rhythm for a tune emerging evocatively on tape. Glennie took the vocals in an arrangement of *Born to be Wild*, backing herself — with supreme virtuosity, as ever — on marimba, frog-mouth cowbells and home-made cymbals.

For John Psathas's undistinguished *Rhythm Spike*, Glennie turned to the piano: a brave move but of doubtful wisdom. The nadir of this "act" was reached in an embarrassing pantomime preceding the first encore.

But all was forgiven in the heart-stopping rendering of the *Londonderry Air* that followed. Coaxing the mellifluous tone of the marimba from the void, and returning it thence, this performance, hovering on the border between sound and silence, provided a moving commentary on the whole Glennie phenomenon.

BARRY MILLINGTON

Happy return to louche pastures

OPERA

Don Giovanni
Drill Hall

EVEN the new has to grow old, but Tony Britten's and Nicholas Broadhurst's Music Theatre London is doing so gracefully. It is six years since they burst upon us with their aggressively demotic, not to say scatalogical version of Mozart's opera — Giovanni a city broker with conquests as far away as Market Harborough, Zerlina a Basildon bimbo with a taste for crême de menthe, Ottavio a prat with a cricket bat.

Time has caught up with it: disco dancing and Elvira with a street map are now mainstream Mozart, thanks to Deborah Warner, and the Peter Sellars Spanish Harlem version has been televised, its abuse of McDonald's french fries matching Broadhurst's Chinese takeaway, both of them dainty dishes to set before a Commendatore. And today's "authentic" tempos make some of Britten's sound pretty staid.

But it was always the strongest of the MTL shows — Britten's new overture is a little miracle of wit that Mozart himself would relish — and stands up well to revival. There are, of course, changes: Leporello's catalogue is now digitally stored, and there is more substance-abuse than before, a new Princess of Wales joke, and a rethink of Giovanni's boxer shorts that makes the denouement less hilarious than it was in 1990.

Perhaps for reasons of political correctness — we are, after all, in the Drill Hall — Zerlina (Justine Koos) is less of a scrubber, and Ottavio less of a prat, which raises the one serious problem. *Il mio tesoro* is sent up sky high, but the *Non mi dir* scene is taken with Mills & Boon seriousness, and not even Mozart can quite bridge the gap between *dramma* and *giocoso*, a gap otherwise cannily spanned by Broadhurst's direction.

But there is no point in getting too solemn: this remains a very funny show on its own terms. Darryl Knock's lightly Welsh, terrier-tenacious Leporello has boundless charm and hangdog humour, Andrew C. Wadsworth's deadpan, fish-eyed Giovanni is eminently hissable, and the Swedish soprano Sara Jungberg sings Anna's big numbers more confidently than some I have heard in mainstream houses. Peter Prentice managed Ottavio's *Il mio tesoro* so smoothly that the sending-up seemed more than ever unjust. Britten's little band of five, with himself at keyboards, worked extremely hard and Wednesday's audience enjoyed itself hugely. So did I.

RODNEY MILNES

THE SUNDAY TIMES

THE LOST ART OF THE SCREEN KISS

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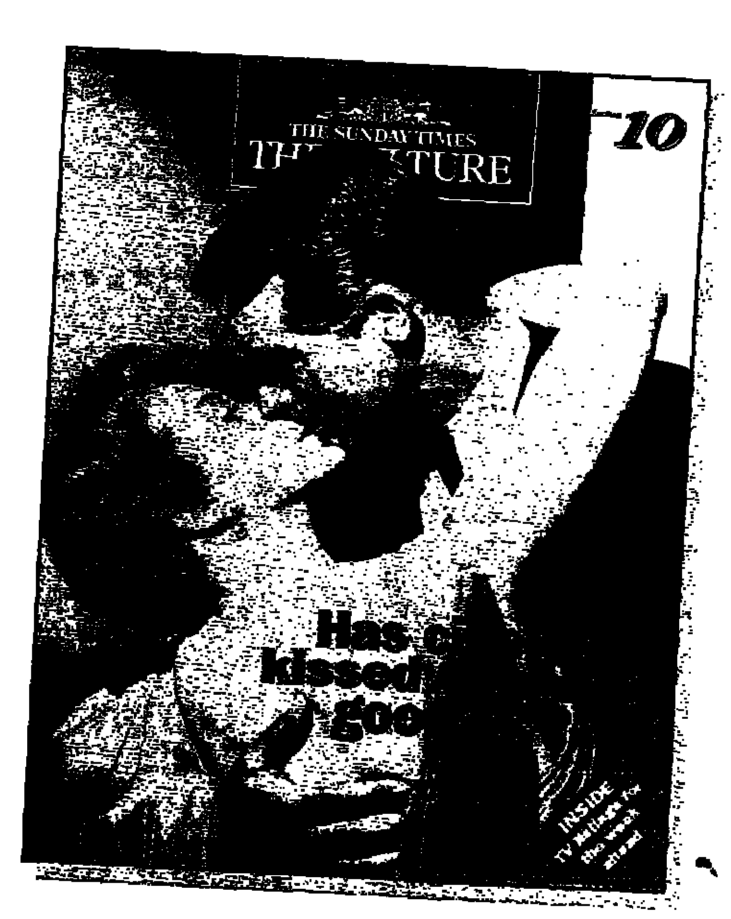

■ CHOICE 1

Riccardo Muti and the Vienna Philharmonic come to London

VENUE: Tonight at the Festival Hall

■ CHOICE 2

Spike Milligan brings some fun to the Readers and Writers Festival

VENUE: In Birmingham, see listing for details

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■ CHOICE 3

Siobhan Davies premieres her new dance work, *Trespass*

VENUE: Tonight at the Grand Theatre, Blackpool

■ THEATRE

The evil that men do . . . *Nuremberg* explores the emotive issue of war crimes

WEEKEND CHOICE

A daily guide to arts and entertainment compiled by Gillian Maxey

LONDON

MOSTLY MUSIC: The start of a hectic weekend on the South Bank as Riccardo Muti mounts the podium at the Festival Hall tonight (7.30pm) to conduct that most voluptuous of orchestras the **Vienna Philharmonic** in Mozart's Symphony No 34 and Bruckner's Seventh Symphony. Meanwhile, the Purcell Room (tonight, 7.30pm) welcomes the Venezuelan pianist **Clara Rodriguez**, who gives an intriguing Hispanic programme. On Sunday, from 2pm, the Purcell Room is also the venue for a **"Debussy day"**, devised by the pianist Roger Vignoles.
South Bank, SE1 (0171-960 4242). Ⓢ

ARIODANTE: David Alden's outstanding production of Handel's opera returns to the English National Opera with Ann Murray in the title role. New to the production are Joan Rodgers as Ginevra and Gwynne Howell as the King of Scotland, while Christopher Robson as Polinesso and Lesley Garrett as Dalinda recreate their original roles. With designs by Ian MacNeil, evocatively lit by Wolfgang Göbbel. Ivor Bolton is the conductor.
Coliseum, St Martin's Lane, WC2 (0171-632 8300). Tonight, 6.30pm. Also on May 15, 17, 22, 24, 30 and June 4; all at 7pm. Ⓢ

ROYAL PHILHARMONIC: Owain Arwel Hughes conducts the orchestra in two masterpieces of 20th-century English music — Holst's *The Planets* and Walton's *Belshazzar's Feast*. The baritone Thomas Allen is the soloist.
Albert Hall, Kensington Gore, SW7 (0171-589 8212). Sunday, 7.30pm Ⓢ

ELSEWHERE

BIRMINGHAM: Spike Milligan, A.S. Byatt, Joanna Trollope and P D James are among the literary luminaries taking part in the 12th annual **Birmingham Readers and Writers Festival**. An eclectic mix of performances and talks, workshops, children's events, exhibitions and storytelling begins today and lasts until May 18.
Festival Office, Central Library, Chamberlain Square, B3 (0121-235 4244 for information). Various venues.

BLACKPOOL: The **Siobhan Davies Dance Company** *performs the world premiere of her new work*, *Trespass*, in conjunction with a specially commissioned string quartet by the Irish composer Gerald Barry. The companion piece is *The Art of Touch*, an energetic work set to the harpsichord sonatas of Scarlatti. The programme is repeated on Saturday, with the addition of a conversation between Siobhan Davies and Lynne Walker, presenter of BBC Radio 4's *Kaleidoscope*, which will form part of the performance.
Grand, Church Street (01253 28372). Tonight and tomorrow, 8pm Ⓢ

BRIGHTON: The **Bournemouth Symphony Orchestra** gives an all-Russian programme, including Tchaikovsky's Symphony No 6. Maxim Vengerov plays *Prokofiev's Second* Violin Concerto and Louise Winter sings the cantata *Alexander Nevsky*. Yakov Kreizberg conducts.
The Dome, New Road (01273 709709). Tonight, 8pm

LONDON GALLERIES

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Jeremy Kingston's assessment of theatre showing in London

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☐ **BLUE REMEMBERED HILLS**: Dennis Potter's poignant drama of wartime childhood: this production's comedy overbalances the frail structure.
National (Lyttelton), South Bank, SE1 (0171-928 2252). Tonight-Thurs, 8pm; mats Sat, Wed 3pm. In rep. Ⓢ

☐ **DUET FOR ONE**: Anton Rodgers and Elizabeth Garvie in Tom Kempinski's enduring play, a two-hander for a violinist struck down by MS and her psychiatrist. Christopher Wren directs.
Riverside Studios, Crisp Road, Hammersmith, W6 (0181-741 2255). Mon-Sat 8.30pm. Until May 26

☐ **AN IDEAL HUSBAND**: Peter Hall's acclaimed Haymarket production transfers here with new cast of Nicola Pagett, David Rintoul, Nicky Henson, Googie Withers and John McCallum.
Old Vic, Waterloo Rd, SE1 (0171-928 7616). Mon-Sat 7.30pm; mats Wed and Sat 3pm.

◪ **IONA RAIN**: Four old schoolfriends meet up on the Scottish island in Peter Moffat's play. Jessica Dromgoole directs.
Warehouse, Dingwall Road, East Croydon (0181-680 4060). Previews begin tonight, 8pm. Opens May 12

◪ **THE RELAPSE**: Victor Spinetti plays the fretful Lord Foppington in Ian Judge's production from last year's Stratford. Amusing performances.
Pit, Barbican, Silk Street, EC2 (0171-638 8891). Tonight-Sat, 7.15pm; mat Sat 3pm. In rep with *The Devil is an Ass* Ⓢ

■ **RESURRECTION**: Paines Plough's much-admired play by Maureen Lawrence comes here after its nationwide tour. Penny Ciniewicz directs Malcolm Rennie and Tyrone Huggins as Dr Johnson and his black servant, Francis Barber.
Bush, Shepherd's Bush Green, W12 (0181-743 3388). Opens tonight, 7pm. Then Mon-Sat 8pm

☐ **THE SENTENCE**: Christina Ball and Tamara Hinchko, both Anglo-Armenians, collaborate on a play about *the Armenian massacres of 1915*. Roger Smith directs.
Old Red Lion, 418 St John Street, EC1 (0171-837 7816). Opens tonight, 8pm. Then Tue-Sun 8pm. Until June 8.

☐ **THREE SISTERS**: Out of Joint's widely acclaimed production back in London for one month: three changes in Max Stafford-Clark's cast.
Lyric, King St, Hammersmith, W6 (0181-741 2311). Mon-Sat 7.30pm; mats Wed and Sat 2.30pm. Until June 1. Ⓢ

☐ **TOLSTOY**: Feeble attempt to suggest what went on in the home of the great bearded monster. F. Murray Abraham plays the complicated novelist and Gemma Jones his wife, in James Goldman's play about their curdled marriage. Jack Hofsiss directs.
Aldwych, Aldwych, WC2 (0171-416 6003). Mon-Sat, 7.45pm, mats Thurs and Sat, 3pm.

☐ **WHAT NOW, LITTLE MAN?**: Anita Dobson plays the mother in a revival of Hans Fallada's *Kleiner Mann, Was Nun?* life in Germany in the last day's before Hitler's takeover, told in narrative and a capella song. Margarete Forsyth directs Julian Forsyth's adaptation.
Greenwich, Crooms Hill, SE10 (0181-858 7755). Previews begin tonight, 7.45pm. Opens May 13. Until June 22

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CINEMA GUIDE

Geoff Brown's assessment of films in London and (where indicated with the symbol ◆) on release across the country

NEW RELEASES

◆ **EXECUTIVE DECISION** (15): Good, silly fun on a hijacked airliner, with Kurt Russell, Halle Berry, and a consignment of nerve gas. Produced by Joel Silver.
MGMs Fulham Road Ⓢ (0171-370 2636) **Trocadero** (0171-434 0031) **UCI Whiteleys** Ⓢ (0171-792 3332) **Warner West End** (0171-437 4343)

MR HOLLAND'S OPUS (PG): Thirty years of a music teacher's life. Well-meaning piffle, with Richard Dreyfuss. Director, Stephen Herek.
Odeon Leicester Square (01426-915 683)

STONEWALL (15): Events leading up to the 1969 Stonewall riots. Wayward celebration of gay New York, with Guillermo Diaz and Frederick Weller. Director, Nigel Finch.
Clapham Picture House (0171-498 3323) **MGMs: Piccadilly** (0171-437 3561) **Shaftesbury Avenue** (0171-836 6279) **Notting Hill Coronet** Ⓢ (0171-727 6705)

WHITE SQUALL (12): Jeff Bridges's school ship battles the elements. Water-logged drama with a splendid storm. Director, Ridley Scott.
MGM Fulham Road (0171-370 2636) **Odeons: Kensington** (01426-914 666) **Swiss Cottage** (01426 914098) **West End** (01426-915 574) **UCI Whiteleys** (0171-792 3332)

CURRENT

◆ **THE BIRDCAGE** (15): Crass, gaudy remake of *La Cage aux Folles*, with Robin Williams and Nathan Lane as the gay couple faced with an in-law problem. Director, Mike Nichols.
Empire (0800-888 911) **MGMs: Chelsea** (0171-352 5096) **Fulham Road** Ⓢ (0171-370 2636) **Trocadero** Ⓢ (0171-434 0031) **Odeons: Kensington** (01426 914666) **Marble Arch** (01426 914501) **Swiss Cottage** (01426 914098) **Rio** (0171-254 6677) **UCI Whiteleys** Ⓢ (0171-792 3332)

◆ **COPYCAT** (18): Agoraphobic Sigourney Weaver and Holly Hunter's detective battle with a serial killer. Unpleasant thriller. Director, Jon Amiel.
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◆ **HACKERS** (12): Teenage hackers uncover a conspiracy. Fizzy fun from *Backbeat* director Iain Softley, with Jonny Lee Miller and Angelina Jolie.
MGMs: Fulham Road Ⓢ (0171-370 2636) **Trocadero** Ⓢ (0171-434 0031) **Plaza** Ⓢ (0171-437 1234)

◆ **IL POSTINO** (U): Michael Radford's heartwarming delight about a simple man opening his eyes to poetry.
Gate Ⓢ (0171-727 4043) **MGMs: Panton Street** (0171-930 0631) **Swiss Centre** (0171-439 4470)

◆ **RICHARD III** (15): Shakespeare updated to the 1930s. Dynamic cinema, with Ian McKellen.
Barbican (0171-638 8891) **Clapham Picture House** (0171-498 3323) **Curzon West End** (0171-369 1722) **Gate** (0171-727 4043) **MGM Chelsea** (0171-352 5096) **Minema** (0171-235 4225) **Richmond** (0181-332 0030) **Ritzy** (0171-737 2121) **Screen on the Hill** (0171-435 3366)

◆ **THINGS TO DO IN DENVER WHEN YOU'RE DEAD** (18): Hip and humane crime drama from new director Gary Fleder. With Andy Garcia.
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◆ **TWELVE MONKEYS** (15): Unwieldy extravaganza from Terry Gilliam, with Bruce Willis as the time-traveller seeking the source of a virus.
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Defence of the devil's generals

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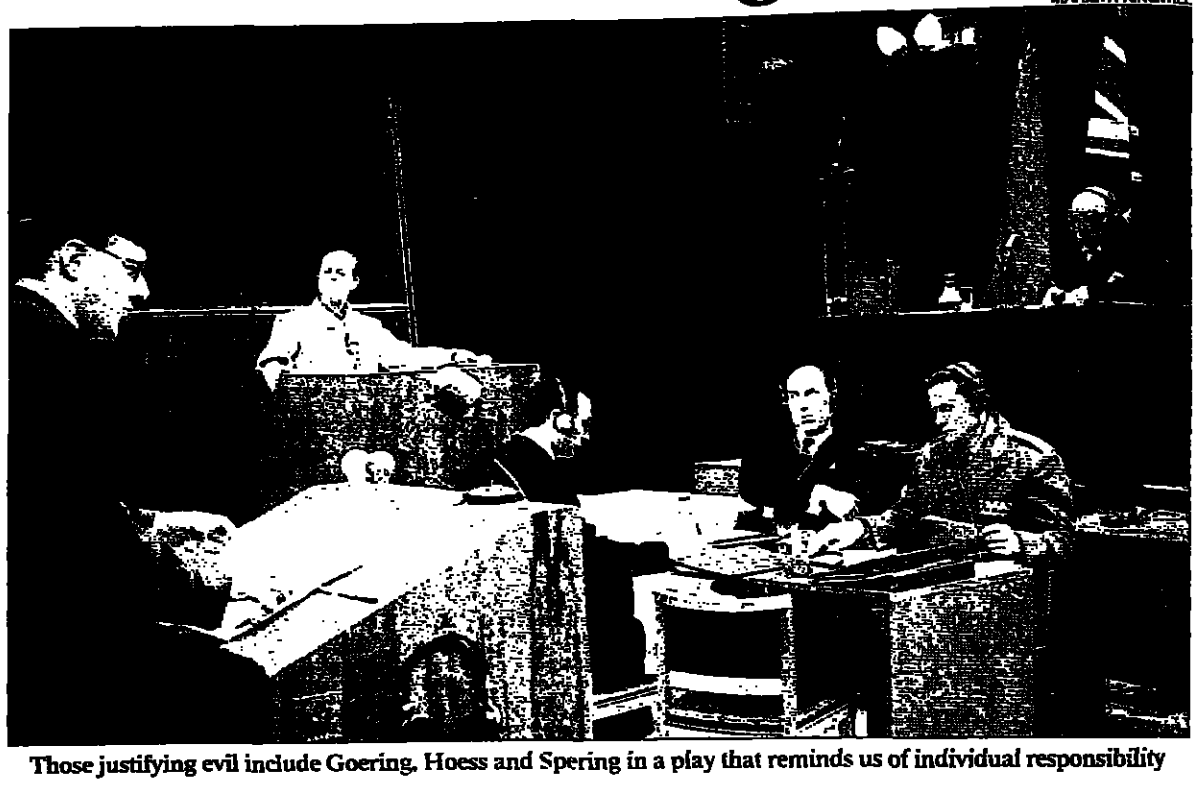
Nuremberg
Tricycle



MARILYN KINGWILL

Those justifying evil include Goering, Hoess and Spering in a play that reminds us of individual responsibility

The 20th century will be regarded by posterity with horror "unless its second half redeems its first". So declared Robert Jackson, America's chief prosecutor at Nuremberg in 1946: and it is, of course, the abject failure of our era to meet his challenge which justifies staging extracts from the trials 50 years later. These have been edited by Richard Norton-Taylor, the man responsible for the same theatre's regurgitation of bits of the Scott inquiry. That made a modestly illuminating evening; but you have only to think of events in Bosnia, Rwanda, Iraq and a score of other places to realise that Nuremberg is more important by an astral plane or so.

The defendants brought onto the witness stand of a remarkably complete courtroom are carefully chosen. Michael Cochrane's sleek Goering insolently justifies violence as a necessary means to the end of German prosperity, in the process dismissing the Holocaust as a sordid little exaggeration beneath his notice. William Hoyland's Keitel is the old soldier clinging with decreasing self-belief to his faith that loyalty is all.

Thomas Wheatley's Commandant Hoess describes the dying processes in Auschwitz in blunt, emotionless machine-speak. Jeremy Clyde's flaccid Rosenberg is the one who tries to give evil a metaphysical justification and cultural *meaning*, citing Goethe and Carlyle and pedantically distinguishing between "exterminating Jewry" and murdering Jews.

And, disingenuously or not, Michael Culver's Speer talks of recognising too late the awful dangers of totalitarian rule. Arrogant Machiavellian, devil's general, impersonal functionary, crazed philosopher, vacillating disciple: today each is playing his part in stories all too likely to end in the tale of naked families clambering into death-pits movingly told by Richard Heffer's Hartley Shawcross.

What's the point of Nicholas Kent's production, marvellously meticulous though it is? After all, Saddam is not going to stop gassing Kurds because a play in Kilburn suggests he might one day be arraigned in The Hague. Well, at least the evening will remind a few of us that a War Crimes Tribunal does exist and that, however notionally, international values have shifted. Individuals are to be held responsible for actions performed in the name of a state or a leader, and they may be made accountable for them. Nuremberg established this where it matters most: in people's minds.

The Tricycle is also staging three "prologues": one-acters respectively involving crimes in Haiti, Rwanda and Bosnia. These are uneven; but Keith Reddin's *Haiti*, about an American major court-martialled for freeing some notably ungrateful political prisoners, and Goran Stefanovski's *Ex-Yu*, in which a bereaved woman confronts a murderous patriot and an unlovable political dropout, both earn their keep. Each shows how much the liberal, the moderate, the ordinary person still needs the back-up of the principles agreed at Nuremberg half a century ago.

BENEDICT NIGHTINGALE

CIRCUS

Toe table spinners

Chinese State Circus
Preston Park, Brighton

We do not need more motorways. The Chinese State Circus, rolling into town for the Brighton Festival, has a niftier solution. While crowds of Bank Holiday Brits were jammed solid in their cars along the seafront, in the Big Top on Preston Park, 14 young ladies were whizzing round at a fair old lick and miles more economically, Stacked four high, fanning out like a peacock's tail, the whole bunch was serenely sharing one pushbike.

This is the new troupe's first trip abroad. They will tour the country then bowl along to the Edinburgh Festival. Their acrobatics are genuinely thrilling, at once technically flabbergasting and almost uncomfortably alarming. The young men line up neatly, then sprint towards each other on an apparent collision course. They bounce and dive, somersaulting through small bamboo hoops. Chinese lions — or were they monstrous pekinese puppies — with gold faces, batting eyelids and shaggy pelts play leapfrog and cavort on top of rolling balls. Jugglers lying on their backs spin tables on their toes and toss each other huge vases like a mad removals firm.

A contortionist, at once curiously graceful and fractionally grotesque, quietly turns herself into a human U-tube then a complete circle with a curl that makes scorpions look positively arthritic. Balancing candelabras on her soles and palms, she rolls from her back to her front then finishes off, rotating slowly, upside down, on a small revolving spindle which she grips between her teeth. The only thing dropping to the floor at this point was my jaw.

The show could be shorter. Phenomenal they may be, but human pyramids have their limits. The interludes' clown routines, including silly masters flogging stone-dead mules, tended to fall flat. This troupe's strength is not comic acting or particularly establishing a rapport with the audience. Some of the outfits can be too sequined. A few spinning plates bit the dust. But the live orchestra, with folk pipes and climactic warpy cymbals and wood blocks, are a delight. The gymnastics are breathtaking.

KATE BASSETT

DANCE

With folk appeal

Rambert Dance Company
Wyvern, Swindon

Christopher Bruce created *Moonshine* for the senior citizens of dance (or 40 plus-year-olds) who make up NDT3, the sister company of Netherlands Dance Theatre. Three years later his own younger dancers in Rambert Dance Company now take to it with alacrity. To whom, though, will *Moonshine* appeal as it tours round the country? It is set to early songs by Bob Dylan, which is fine by me, but does mark me out as middle-aged. I hope younger spectators like it.

But then I am doubly biased, since I also love everything Bruce does. I like the way strands of folk dance appear in some of his pieces, as they do here, and I agree with him that folk dance has a direct channel to the human heart.

Moonshine belongs to a long line of Bruce pieces set to songs, of which his most recent hit was *Rooster*, by the Rolling Stones. *Moonshine* does not seem likely to achieve the same popularity but at Swindon it made an attractive opener, with Robert Cohan's beautiful *Stabat Mater* the substantial centre of the triple bill.

Walter Nobbe's backdrop seems to extend the stage into a rocky canyon that fits the disaster-prone story of Dylan's *Talkin' Bear Mountain Picnic Massacre Blues*; or it suggests a perspective between awesome American skyscrapers that match the lyrics of *Man on the Street*. The four dancers carry suitcases: perhaps they are the dispossessed who so often feature in Dylan's songs. Steven Brett's gestures echo the first-person account of Dylan's *Moonshine*; Didy Veldman balances on her suitcase and draws sweeping curves to *No More Auction Block*, ending in a hangman's noose — a conclusion so shocking that the stunned audience hesitated to clap.

Didy Veldman's *Kol Simcha* (Voice of Celebration), which closed the programme, also has a folkloric connection, being set to Adam Gorb's rewriting of Klezmer pieces, the old festive music of East European Jews. Veldman's rag-bag of individuals dance in fits and starts and never make much impact, however. The focus rests with the musicians who share the stage and intrigue the ear with Gorb's dense astringencies.

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Wake him up before he goes off

GEORGE MICHAEL
Older
(AEgean/Virgin 8 41392)

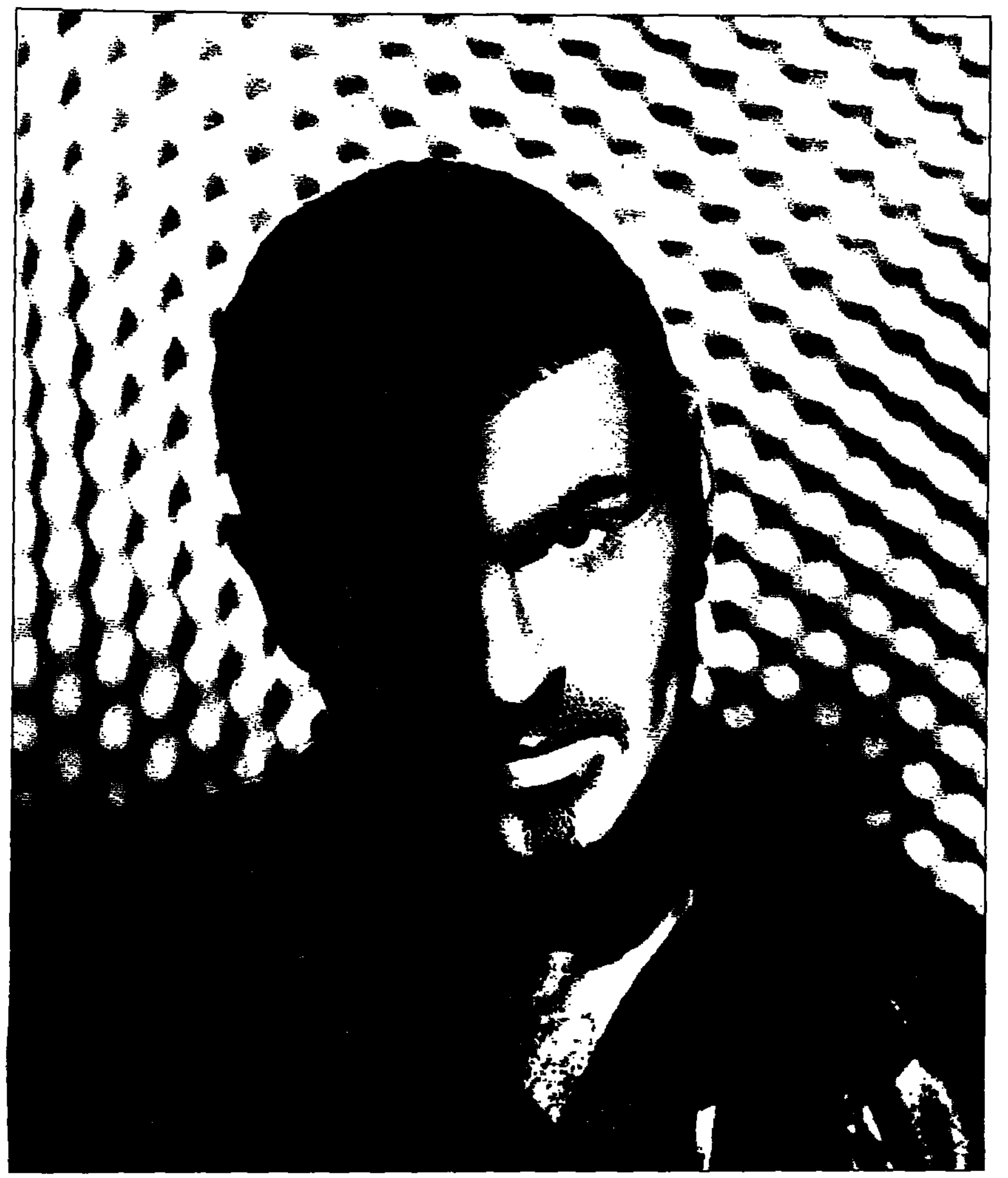
THE most surprising sequence in the soft-porn promo video that accompanies George Michael's No 1 single, *Fastlove*, is the moment when he finally gets out of his chair and starts dancing. Never mind that he is immediately drenched in a shower of water, it is more of a jolt just to see him up and moving again.

For, with his latest configuration of facial hair lending a Mephistopholean cast to his features, the sombre and sedentary presence of Michael in 1996 is far removed from that of the fun-loving young pup who once regaled us with *Wham! Rap* and *Wake Me Up Before You Go Go*.

One always suspected that his first album since suffering such a resounding court-room defeat at the hands of his old record company would not be an especially buoyant affair. And, if nothing else, Michael has proved that he is a man who can afford to move at his own pace. But he has evolved into a performer of such eerily sophisticated poise that it is difficult to detect a heartbeat on *Older*.

Heavily weighted in favour of slow, breathy ballads in the mould of *Jesus to a Child*, the single before *Fastlove*, the album sits in the room like an expensive perfume. *To Be Forgiven* drifts from the speakers like a warm tropical breeze, while during *The Strangest Thing*, in which a lone hi-hat fights a losing battle to lift the tempo, Michael sounds like a man struggling to wake up from a dream as he sings lines such as "Take my hand, lead me to some peaceful land".

Injecting a somewhat tougher tone into his voice on *Star People*, he expresses distaste for pop stars who whine about how hard the world has been on them, while curiously insisting "I do not count myself among you". The smoochy, jazz-inflected sounds of muted trumpet, flugelhorn and saxophone lend colour to the similarly subdued arrangements of *Spinning the Wheel* and the title track, an earnest rumination on the process of growing up and out of a relationship.



"In his quest for perfection, George Michael has ended up in a fantastically stylish limbo" with his new album, *Older*

While admiring the exquisite craft of *Older*, you soon long for something a little louder or, at least, more spontaneous to balance all this obsessively honed elegance. In his quest for perfection, Michael has ended up in a fantastically stylish limbo.

ELVIS COSTELLO
& THE ATTRACTIONS
All This Useless Beauty
(Warners Bros 9362-46198)

THE arrival of a new Elvis Costello album is not the event it used to be. But, after last year's poorly received collection of cover versions, *Kojak Variety*, there are signs of a quiet renaissance in progress on *All This Useless Beauty*.

Old-fashioned references to typewriters and the hole in the ozone layer date him as surely as his over-stylised vibrato, which sends his voice wobbling around the slow ballad *Why Can't A Man Stand Alone?* like a jelly left on top of a washing machine.

But Costello's enduring artistry shines through on the clattery, neo-spiritual chant of *Shallow Grave*, co-written with Paul McCartney, and a revamped version of *You Bowed Down*, the Byrds-flavoured song he wrote for Roger McGuinn's album, *Back From Rio*.

The Attractions rev up on *Complicated Shadows*, but tend more often to maintain a discreet supporting presence, as on *Poor Fractured Atlas*, where pianist Steve Nieve assists in the lifting of a rather obvious line from Beethoven's *Moonlight* Sonata. While hardly a revelation, it is an album which ought to arrest the decline.

THE TONY RICH PROJECT
Words
(LaFace/Arista 73008 26022)

TONY RICH is the latest star to emerge from Atlanta, Georgia, a city which is currently such a hotbed of black musical talent that it is being talked up as the Motown of the 1990s. A producer, singer, composer and multi-instrumentalist — and still only 23 — Rich projects a much more gentle and thoughtful persona than the macho rap artists and preening soul men of the R. Kelly generation.

His music has a similarly smooth veneer, as evidenced by his first hit single *Nobody Knows*, a delicate, slow-paced song that is typical of the album as a whole.

But there are dark undercurrents and a wiry strength to numbers such as *Ghost* and *Under Her Spell* that belie the surface sheen. "Ain't no fairy in these tales/It's all about taking what you want and making bail," he warns in *Grass is Green*, one of several lyrics that read like a strangely warped morality tale. This is how George Michael might sound if he still lived in the real world.

DEF LEPPARD
Slang
(Bludgeon Riffola/
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NOW on to their eighth album (*it seems like more*). Def Leppard have attempted to throw off some of the more limiting aspects of their tight-trousered, soft-rock formula and get a little adventurous.

The result is a less slickly produced and surprisingly alert album which touches base with rap-pop on the title track and dabbles in Eastern musical flavours — *à la* Jimmy Page & Robert Plant — on *Turn to Dust*.

While generally sounding more in tune with the spirit of post-grunge rock than with the vacuous posturing of the 1980s poodle bands, the group's roots show through on the big, traditional ballads *All I Want is Everything* and *Breathe a Sigh*, a reminder that, for all the "experimentation", their peers remain Bon Jovi and Bryan Adams, not the youngish turks of the Pearl Jam generation.

Axeman slays crowd in NW1

Ocean Colour Scene
Electric Ballroom

AT FIRST glance, the unlikely transformation of Ocean Colour Scene from baggy-era also-rans into flavour of the moment looks like a story of success achieved on the coat-tails of others. Guitarist Steve Cradock and bass player Damon Minchela both play in Paul Weller's band and OCS have enjoyed the enthusiastic patronage of Noel Gallagher, who secured them slots supporting Oasis as long ago as 1994 and as recently as last month.

True to form, Gallagher and his brother Liam, freshly shaved and ostentatiously re-united with Patsy Kensit, were there to cheer on the lads in the final date of OCS's marathon British tour. But any suggestion that the four-piece band might not fully merit attention in their own right was instantly rebutted the moment they set off with the clipped, romping riff of *You've Got It Bad*.

For one thing, OCS demonstrated a level of skill that is streets ahead of their Britpop contemporaries. With the fast, flexible rhythm section of Minchela and drummer Oscar Harrison to rely on, Cradock demonstrated why he is the nearest thing to a guitar hero in modern British rock. Combining neatly sketched rhythms and riffs with taut solos and expertly controlled feedback, he covered a huge amount of territory with the minimum of fuss, most notably on the band's pièce de résistance, *The Riverboat Song*.

Simon Fowler, whose throaty voice sounded stretched to the limit at times, nevertheless made an equally convincing job of carrying the band's many wonderful tunes, including the Beatles-influenced *The Day We Caught The Train* and the celebratory *One for the Road*, with its mood-defining chorus of "Get up and dance, get up and smile/Get up and drink to the days that are gone in the shortest while."

If there was a shortcoming it was in the band's lack of an image or an imposing individual personality to act as a focus of attention. Then again, it made a pleasant change to come across a group whose collective strength lies in superlative musicianship. And even if they did fall back on an old Beatles song, *Day Tripper*, for an encore, they can still boast a songbook that most of today's acts would die for.

Simon Fowler gives his all for Ocean Colour Scene

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Caribbean cache

JAZZ ALBUMS

ERNEST RANGLIN
Below The Bassline
(Island IJCD-4002)

IMBUED with the unmistakable flavour of the West Indies, Ernest Ranglin's collection of instrumentals should do well with all those hipsters who revel in George Benson's fusion cocktails. Quiet and unshowy, his urbane guitar revisits a neglected cache of melodies.

Long ago, Ranglin had a hand in the founding of Chris Blackwell's music empire, laying down the romping ska beat on Millie Small's *My Boy Lollipop*. Now he, along with the pianist Monty Alexander, has been accorded the honour of inaugurating Island's new Jamaica Jazz imprint.

When all the elements come together, this form of Caribbean crossover exudes all the vivacity of old-style swing. Ranglin's approach is more low-key, and the lack of another frontline soloist sometimes proves a liability. Roland Alphonso's saxophone adds muscle to *Ball of Fire*, but the rest is music for the small hours.

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VIEWED in one light these orchestral sessions, dating from 1962 and 1959, represent a cavalier waste of talent: Roy Eldridge, Cannonball Adderley and Clark Terry are among the stars required to labour in the background with few opportunities to shine. Neither Ernie Wilkins nor Russell Garcia takes many chances on the arrangements, but with a player as extravagant as Peterson, the cautious approach bears fruit. The big-band format provides a counterweight to the leader's renowned, and often oppressive, virtuosity.

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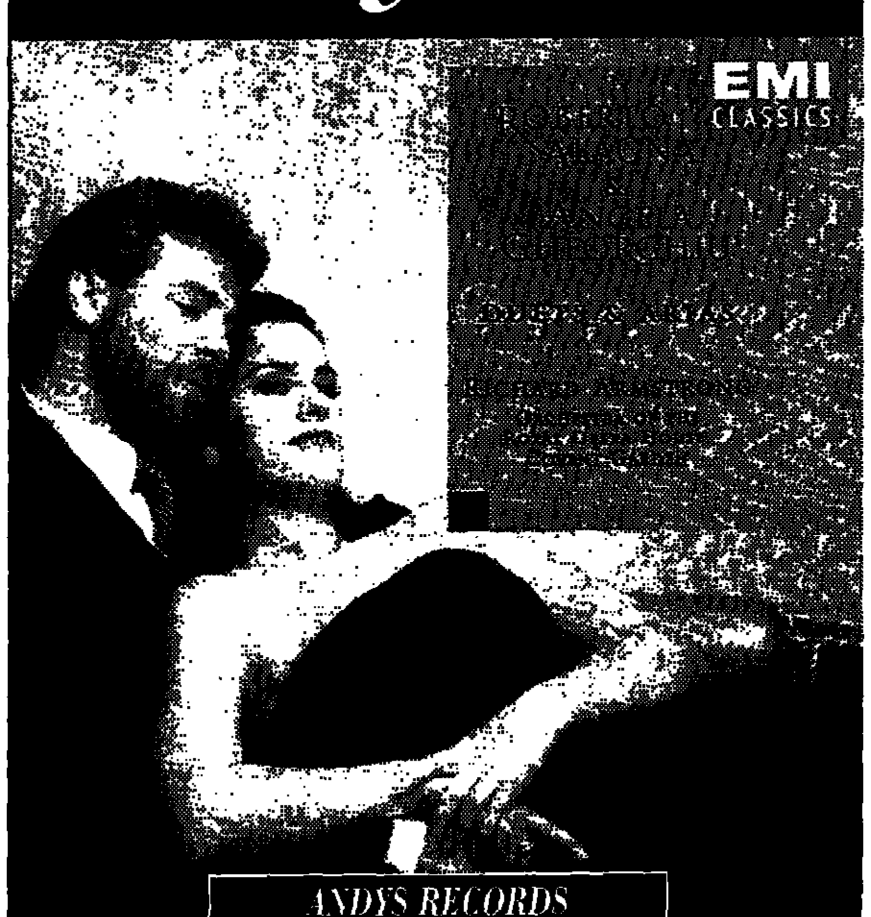

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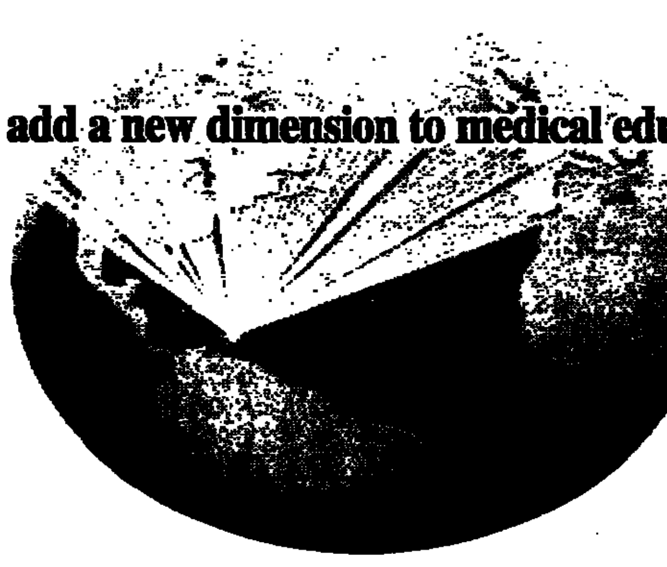

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Are our children going soft?

The Armed Forces are finding fewer recruits fit enough for basic training. **Arthur Bland** asks if schools are at fault

A traditional school physical education class: but new evidence from the Armed Forces shows that too few of today's children are as fit as this youngster

Physical education was back on the political agenda this week, as the parties put forward alternative visions of an Academy of Sport. But new evidence from the Armed Forces suggests that Britain's fitness deficit is a much wider and more serious problem.

In 1902, when PE became compulsory in schools, the Government was reacting to evidence provided by the recruitment campaign of the Boer War. Mass recruitment had shown that nearly half of the potential army recruits were physically unfit to serve.

The solution to this "national scandal", which was widely debated in the press and Parliament, was to introduce school dinners to improve the levels of nutrition and promote structured physical training for all schoolchildren to improve their health. There is little doubt that this programme was effective.

With the onset of the First World War, the same concerns about the physical fitness of the nation were raised. This time, even when in the early days of the war the same criteria for fitness were applied, the country was able to raise the Army it needed.

The majority of the early schools' PE instructors were men appointed by the Army, as the principal agency with a vested interest in the fitness of the potential fighting force. In this way, the Army was able to take direct action to ensure that the recruits arriving for basic training were physically equipped to undertake the rigours of the transformation from civilian to service life.

Today, after eight years of reduction in school PE, following the introduction of the national curriculum, the Army has once again found itself having to take direct action in order to ensure that some recruits are fit enough to commence their initial training. This provides a startling benchmark to the erosion of personal fitness levels which could be seen as an effect of the reduction of PE in schools.

In 1987, only 35 per cent of schools provided less than two hours of PE a week to their pupils. At that time it was unusual for potential recruits to fail the physical fitness part of their selection procedure. In 1995, when 75 per cent of schools offered less than two hours PE, the figure for failure had risen to 15 per cent.

"We used to be able to rely on the schools to provide us with recruits who were able to cope with the physical and mental demands of initial training. We can't do that any more," a spokesman from the Department of Army Recruitment said.

As a result of the significant shift away from physical activity by young people, the Army now has to provide its own advice to potential recruits to help them to pass the selection test. Over and underweight recruits, and those whom it believes will benefit, attend an additional three weeks of training before starting their initial recruit training designed to equip them physically for the demands of army life. The definition of fitness has always been the subject of debate but at the military level it is simply seen as the ability to sustain a high level of activity for an extended period.

Dr Edward Winter, an expert in exercise physiology at De Montfort University, Leicester, is careful to point out that objective scientific measurement in children and adolescents up to the age of 16 shows that basic levels of health appear not to have fallen. "But there are concerns about the levels in fitness of young people today. Although the majority are healthier, they are not necessarily fitter." The rise in chest, circulation and breathing complaints, which have a link to the decline in activity among today's youth, paints a worrying picture. These diseases have become significant contributors to the 24 per cent who fail their medical for the Armed Forces.

The fear is that the decline in fitness may only represent the tip of the iceberg. In time, an increase will be revealed in diseases which only an active lifestyle at school has kept at bay.

Another concern for the long-term development of PE is that trainee teachers are arriving at university having had much less sporting experience because of the reduction in time available for the subject in schools.

Government initiatives to promote games in school are unlikely to prove a panacea. There is no extra money to pay teachers overtime, nor are there reductions in other subjects to offset timetable demands.

In order to support its manpower demands, the Army must recruit 15,000 young people each year. In a system not restrained by a refined training regime, this would not be a problem. Shortcomings in education or fitness are overcome in the United States by retraining or specialist attention. But budget constraints make this approach impossible for the Ministry of Defence and so the Armed Forces rely on schools.

We no longer need mass recruitment — as we did at the turn of the century. And any pattern of shortcomings is obvious in a streamlined and tightly monitored modern training regime.

Given that the public image of the Services is one of physical activity, it can be assumed that those presenting themselves for service have been keenest on keeping fit while at shool. Even so, the Services, including the police, are finding volunteers who are not physically equipped during their school years for the physical demands of the career they have chosen.

When you apply a benchmark drawn from recruitment for the Army which has stood the test of time, the evidence is clear. Urgent action is needed if schools are to lay a basic foundation promoting the long-term healthy development of the majority of the population.

● *The author is an exercise physiolgist and former Army PE officer*

Students need more than mere success

For most schools and universities, success in a chosen career is the litmus test of achievement. Professor David Orr views things differently. If he had his way, every undergraduate would take a course in humility — manning a soup kitchen, for instance.

It would be a painful but rewarding course, since it is of "fundamental importance", Professor Orr says, that students experience the consequences of their own success. The planet, he says, "does not need more successful people".

Professor Orr, 52, is among the most lucid of a new breed of academic — the environmental educationaist. He is the author of a remarkable new book, *Earth in Mind*, the co-founder of the Meadowcreek Project in Arkansas, an experiment in applying "hands-on" ecology to education, and Professor of Environmental Studies at Oberlin College, Ohio. He is in the UK teaching a two-week course on "Education for the 21st Century" at Schumacher College in Devon, an international centre for ecological study founded five years ago by the Dartington Trust.

In America, many students think they know the answer. Oberlin, like other American universities, has been swept by an enthusiasm for environmental studies: it now comes fifth in the list of "major" subjects behind such stalwarts as English, biology and history. Other colleges report a twentyfold increase in numbers majoring in the subject.

The appeal goes beyond a reaction against overspecialisation. There is a new weariness with theory and with what Professor Orr calls "indoor thinking". The most popular courses reflect this — they range from "Literature of the Wilderness" (University of California) to "The Ecohistory of New England" (Dartmouth College).

Professor Orr's graduates also find themselves in a booming field of employment, from habitat restoration to political lobbying in Washington DC. For Professor Orr, this goes to the heart of the matter since it is the ecological ignorance of the university-educated professional elite that he blames for the environmental crisis.

Hence his call for a redesign of education. He writes in *Earth in Mind* that schools and universities are equipping people "merely to be more effective vandals of the Earth ... If one listens carefully, it may even be possible to hear the Creation groan every year in late May when another batch of smart, degree-holding but ecologically illiterate Homo sapiens who are eager to succeed are launched into the biosphere."

Education, Professor Orr says, has become an "adjunct to the commercial economy", removing people from contact with the natural world and causing their "sense of wonder" at nature to atrophy. Students need to be "immersed" in living landscapes — for instance, the Black River watershed which flows into Lake Erie, studied by Oberlin students for the past five years.

His main message, however, concerns our definition of success. Most social and environmental damage — the destruction of the rainforests, or the corporate "disinvestment" that has turned parts of Ohio into an industrial wasteland — is caused by people with BAs, BScs, MBAs and PhDs.

What the planet needs now is "peacemakers, healers, restorers ... If we are much more successful as a species, we are going to end up destroying ourselves."

DAVID NICHOLSON-LORD

● Earth in Mind *is published by Island Press, Washington DC, and is available in the UK through the Schumacher Book Service (01803 865051).*

From both sides of the Channel, two views of the growing worries about falling standards

The lost art of letters

Letter-writing used to be a cornerstone of English lessons because it is the one practical form of writing that everyone needs. As W.H. Auden put it:

"Letters of thanks, letters from banks,
Letters of Joy from the girl and the boy
Receipted bills and invitations
to inspect new stock or visit relations ...

Yet letter-writing hardly gets a mention in the national curriculum or the new English GCSE syllabuses.

And before anyone says that letters are no longer "relevant" to young people growing up in a world dominated by phones, faxes, modems and the Internet, let me point out that Royal Mail still delivers 60 million letters every day. But the standard of these missives sinks ever lower — because basic epistolary skills are not being properly taught at school level. Dreadful, badly spelt, ungrammatical, unclear, verbose communications seem to land daily on the mat.

"Mr Fitswilliam and muself are concerneed ..." *(sic)* began an unpromising communication from a local company last week. Then there are those who fail to spell my address or name correctly, or set it out inappropriately. An increasing number of typed letters now arrive unsigned. And why on earth do we still see those meaningless formulaic phrases such as "assuring you of our best intentions at all times"?

I have recently tutored a woman in her twenties holding quite a senior post in a local government office. She was, when she first came to me for help, desperately concerned about the quality of her outgoing letters — with good reason. Eventually she learnt to write politely what needed to be said in straightforward, succinct sentences. Why had she not been taught this in her 11 years at school?

Every school-leaver should know how to write a letter of application, either word-processed or handwritten. It is a very competitive world and a shoddily written letter costs many an applicant dear. It is scandalous that so few young people seem to be equipped with this vital skill by their schooling.

Susan Elkin

Then there are social conventions. When my younger son was about eight I wrote to his teacher to explain an absence. I used fountain pen and my usual cream notepaper with matching envelope. It became a family joke for ever after that Mr Rutter put my letter in his "art folder". What an indictment!

I suppose he was far more accustomed to children bringing to school roughly torn quarter pages from memo pads bearing a few misspelt, scribbled words. Don't we owe it to young people to teach them so they won't be stigmatised as "ignorant" in adult life because their education has sold them short?

We all need to write letters of complaint (and occasionally of congratulation) to manufacturers, retailers, service providers and so on. How much more likely you are to get what you want if you can write a firm and persuasive, educated letter.

It goes without saying that thank you letters are important. And am I the only person left in the world who thinks letters of condolence matter? Commercial cards are miserably banal and trite. We should all, surely, be able to write a few words of sympathy to a bereaved relative, friend or acquaintance in the form of a letter.

Personal or quasi-personal letters which open with "Hi! How are you?" instead of "Thank you for your letter" grate too. A chatty communication from a GCSE pupil to whom I once taught English for a few months arrived this week: "Sorry I haven't wrote to you for along time," she starts, and later with unconscious irony: "They think Ill get E in English if you was still my English teacher I would of got A* ony joking ha ha ha."

The national curriculum requires that handwriting be taught. English lessons must include focus on clarity of expression, conventional grammatical forms, choice of suitable language for purpose and how to write for different "audiences". What better way to do all of this than to teach letter-writing systematically and thoroughly?

SUSAN ELKIN

France also suffers

Soul-searching over standards of literacy is not confined to Britain. France is still reeling from figures showing unexpectedly low reading levels among primary school children.

A government report on children leaving primary school showed that the proportion achieving high levels is much better than it was 25 years ago. But at the other end of the scale, it also revealed serious learning difficulties.

Out of every 100 children entering the third year of primary school (normally at the age of eight) an average of 15 could not read and 17 were unable to count. The figures have changed little since the 1970s.

Among children three years older, the study showed that six out of every 100 could not read or count properly. Nine others were poor readers and 23 had numerical problems. Of those with reading and writing problems, some could read parts of a text but not understand it. Those poor in mathematics were unable to compare numbers, or do any of four calculations. On the plus side, more than half knew how to read and analyse a text, 43 per cent could calculate satisfactorily and 35 per cent were competent in both.

The figures later transformed into a 75 per cent *baccalauréat* pass rate, although 128,000, some 15 per cent of students, left without qualifications. Most of the unqualified came from deprived inner-city areas with high unemployment and/or large immigrant populations.

Senior French government officials believe that the key to reducing the number lies in stimulating interest at an early age through a more varied programme. They believe the long school day (8.30am to 4.30pm even at primary level) is counter-productive. François Bayrou, the Education Minister, has proposed some sweeping modifications.

Low reading levels worry the French

From next September, for example, 200 regions will offer a five-day programme split between academic morning lessons and recreational afternoon activities. The programme is aimed at areas of higher unemployment and social problems.

A pilot scheme on this theme has been in operation since 1989 at Epinal, the town of Philippe Seguin, head of the National Assembly. About 1,300 of the 4,000 primary children in Epinal work in the morning only with a choice of 74 activities to practise in the afternoon. The summer holiday has been reduced by 15 days, coinciding with an average one hour less schoolday.

But other projects introduced this year have met some resistance. The aim to stimulate greater interest in teaching the three Rs has been well accepted, unlike M Bayrou's voluntary 15 minutes a day of English.

The scheme for about 400,000 audio video cassettes in English distributed among 2,746 second-year primary classes, has only a 50 per cent acceptance rate, chiefly through lack of qualified English-speaking teachers and union objections to changes in the programme.

While some regions are opting for the split school formula, others have voted to reduce the school week from 4½ to four days. Entry to the *école maternelle* is to be reduced from 2 years 9 months to 2½ years next September in the belief that group participation between two and three-year-olds stimulates speaking and later reading ability.

M Bayrou is expected to give further details of plans on educational reforms by the middle of June.

However, those living near Belgium, in the Nord Pas-de-Calais region, have opted for a different solution. About 10,000 students over the age of 12 study across the border, a figure that has doubled in the past nine years, while only 350 travel in the opposite direction. This is primarily due to the pupil-tutor ratio of 15.2, as against 20.3 in France. Belgium also offers more diversity in the technical, professional and artistic subjects.

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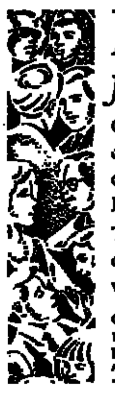

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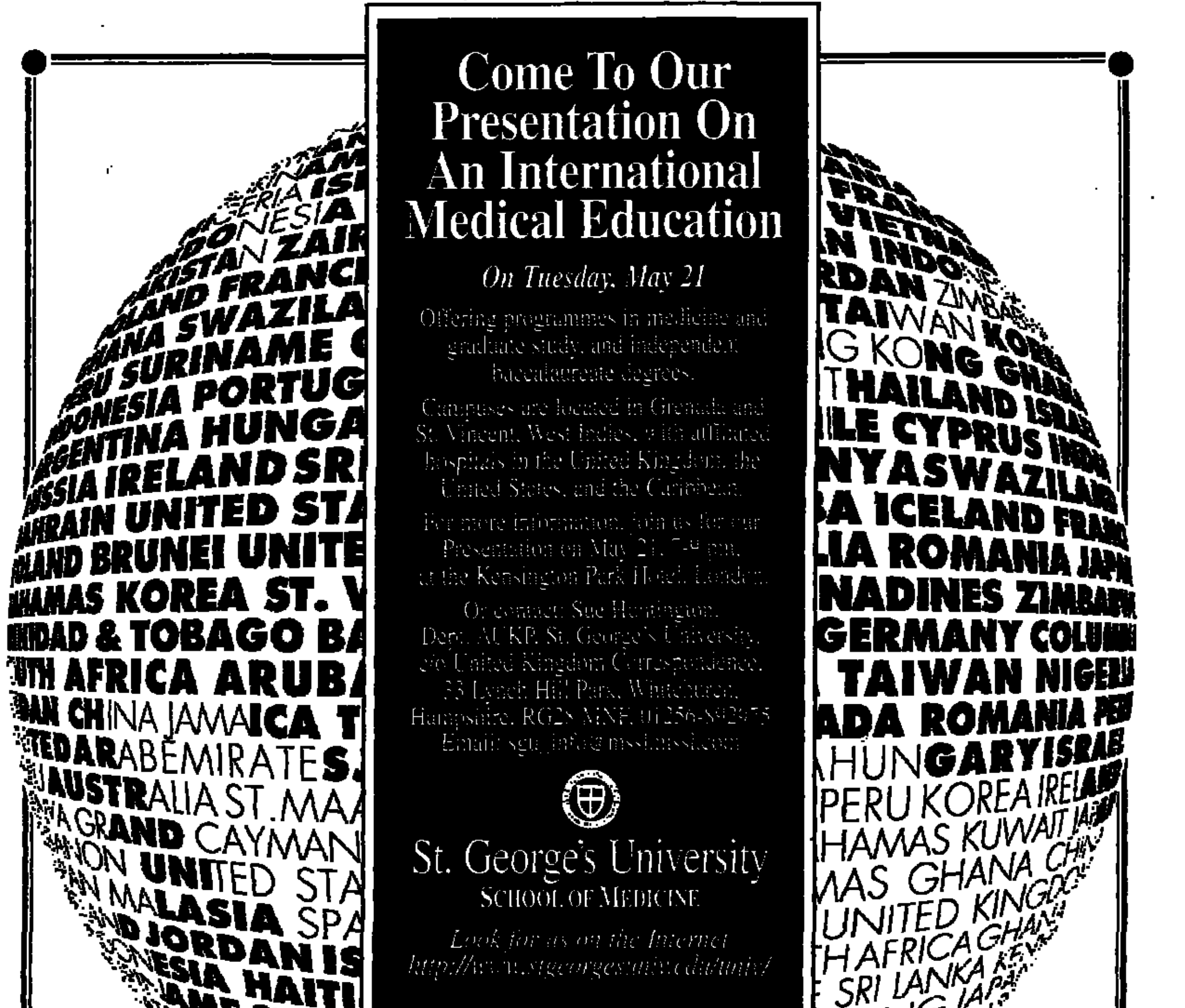

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Knight plays principal glutton in run feast

By Alan Lee, cricket correspondent

HOVE (first day of four: Warwickshire won toss): Warwickshire have scored 494 for three wickets against Sussex

SUSSEX were the only team to achieve a draw against Warwickshire last season and that is already the best that they can aspire to here, after a first day of gluttony by the county champions' batsmen. For early May, the Hove pitch was unforgivingly true, the outfield fast and the Sussex attack impotent, but let none of this detract from a swift, stylish and potentially significant century by Nick Knight.

There was also a century from the underrated Trevor Penney, an assured 90 for Dominic Ostler and, in the evening sunshine, 97 not out from Dermot Reeve, whose scorn for conformity extended to jogging around the car park in the tea interval to stay loose. It was, however, the left-handed Knight, 26 and plainly approaching his peak, who bestrode a windy, one-dimensional day.

SCOREBOARD

WARWICKSHIRE: First Innings

N V Knight b Drakes	132
W G Khan b Phillips	19
D P Ostler c Athey b Phillips	90
T L Penney not out	129
*D A Reeve not out	97
Extras (lb 6, w 1, nb 20)	27
Total (3 wkts, 108 overs)	494

S M Pollock, D R Brown, G Welch, †K J Piper, A F Giles and N M K Smith to bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-68, 2-209, 3-297.

BOWLING: Giddins 22-2-85-0; Drakes 30-1-121-1; Jarvis 14-0-65-0; Phillips 33-2-139-2; Law 19-1-78-0

SUSSEX: C W J Athey, J W Hall, M P Speight, *A P Wells, N J Lenham, D R C Law, †P Moores, V C Drakes, N C Phillips, P W Jarvis, E S H Giddins

Bonus points: Sussex 1 Warwickshire 4

Umpires: J W Holder and V A Holder

Having waited until the final game of last season to make his maiden first-class hundred for the county, Knight has now scored three in successive Warwickshire matches. He can never have batted with more freedom or authority and, on present evidence, his Test career, painfully interrupted at Trent Bridge last August, should resume at Edgbaston next month.

Knight had made a half-century against West Indies in his second Test, when he was struck on the head while fielding at short leg. Unfit for the next match, then unluckily omitted from the winter tour party, he now looks equipped, mentally and technically. This was early-season batting of rare majesty, virtually without blemish, and the pity is that no England selector witnessed it.

Sussex knew their fate even before Knight completed his pre-lunch century. They must, indeed, have had an accurate idea when Wells lost the toss after presenting Reeve with a team-sheet missing Salisbury. Without their leg spinner, who has a back injury, and the left-arm inswing of Lewry, who was not selected, their attack was an uninspired combination of four right-arm seamers and an off spinner.

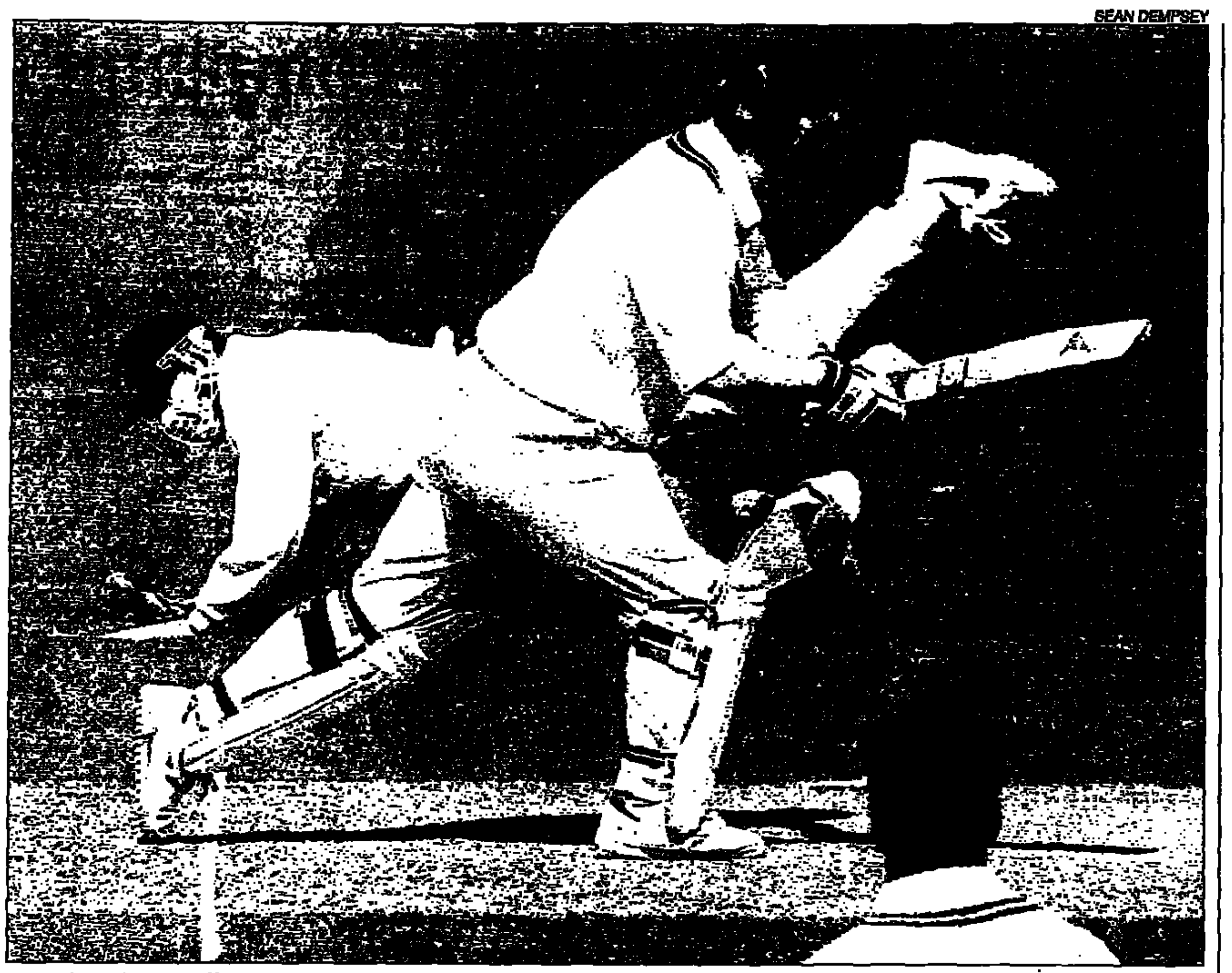
The lunchtime score was 180 for one and Peter Eaton, the admirable Hove groundsman, wore a glum expression. "I'm told the members want to hang me," he said. His pitch may have been too good to help his own side, but Warwickshire, themselves without Munton, Small and Bell, ought to be stretched to enforce victory on it, too. Sussex's resolution will be a test of the new three-point incentive for draws.

Knight exuded confidence from the start. He took nine runs off the opening over from Giddins, pulled Drakes' first ball dismissively for four and hit the hastily-summoned Jarvis for ten in an over. Wasim Khan was not sluggish, but had made only 19 out of 68 when he was bowled in the initial over of spin.

The morning session contained 30 fours, 21 of them to Knight, who made his first 50 from 41 balls and his second from 39. He was out to his first misjudgment of length, pulling against Drakes, whereupon Ostler, who had given a chance to slip when only two, took control until sweeping Phillips to Athey.

Thus far, the partnerships had yielded 68, 141 and 82, but, for Sussex, the worst was still to come. They did not take a wicket after tea as Penney and Reeve scored at will, extending their stand to 203. Sussex heads did not drop and Phillips and Law, the youngsters, bowled with merit, but it was a cheerless experience for them and, today, probably after Reeve has made his first century in England for six seasons, they must face Shaun Pollock.

SEAN DEMPSEY



Gatting, the Middlesex captain, is frustrated by the attentions of a Durham close fielder during his innings of 74

Roseberry piles on Middlesex's pain

By Simon Wilde

LORD'S (first day of four; Middlesex won toss): Durham, with four first-innings wickets in hand, are 77 runs behind Middlesex

MIDDLESEX'S hopes of easing the pain of their woeful start to the season with a crushing win against Durham were dispelled yesterday when they were skittled out before tea for 191, their lowest total against the championship's latest arrivals. They responded to that setback so forcefully that they may yet win, but are unlikely to emerge with their reputation enhanced.

By close of play, 16 wickets had fallen for 305 runs and batting was a precarious business on a pitch of uncertain pace and bounce. Many batsmen could only blame themselves for their downfall, but few could justifiably point to the pitch; no doubt some of them felt like doing so as they left for the pavilion.

Middlesex's frustrations were only compounded by Mike Roseberry, who is making his first appearance at Lord's since leaving Middlesex two years ago to captain Durham. Roseberry had an excellent day. He led his side aggressively in the field and then formed the bedrock of Durham's reply of 114 for six by batting two hours for 43.

Middlesex's day began with the customary bad news from the treatment-room: Nash, their overseas player, had failed a fitness test on his long-standing back problem. This led to Richard Fay, a former member of the Lord's groundstaff and a great-nephew of Maurice Tate, making his second championship appearance and his first at headquarters. He made the most of it, taking wickets with his ninth, eleventh and twelfth balls.

They were his first first-class wickets and two of them were Test batsmen — Sherwin Campbell, making his championship debut for Durham, and John Morris. Durham were then 30 for three. When the outstanding Fraser quickly removed Collingwood, Middlesex arguably held the ascendancy, before Roseberry and Daley led a recovery.

Like Fay, Melvyn Betts and Mike Foster, of Durham, had never played in a four-day match at Lord's before and they will also remember yesterday. Betts exhibited genuine speed and, within three overs, had put paid to Pooley and Ramprakash, beaten for pace and bounce, respectively.

Brown benefited from Carr being deceived by the pace of one ball, but returned to exorcise the greater part of Middlesex's long tail and finish with career-best figures of four for 21.

Gatting's 74 was by some distance the highest innings of the day, but he could have played one of the smallest. He scratched around for an eternity and narrowly escaped being run out on one; typically, he was approaching his best form when he ran himself out.

Benjamin batters hapless Essex attack

By Geoffrey Wheeler

WINSTON BENJAMIN, the West Indies all-rounder who was sent home for fitness and disciplinary reasons halfway through the tour of England last summer, has returned to Hampshire for a second spell in belligerent mood. He enlivened the evening session at Southampton yesterday by striking the Essex bowlers to all parts as he made what was only the second century of his career, bludgeoning three sixes and 14 fours as he reached three figures from 104 balls.

Hampshire, who were put in by Paul Prichard, finished the day happily placed at 381 for six, Benjamin (102) and Adrian Aymes (51) having so far added 156 for the seventh wicket in 32 overs.

Another batsman to score more than a hundred runs during a session was Michael Bevan. Yorkshire's Australian vice-captain, who went from five to 110 during the afternoon against Derbyshire at Sheffield. Bevan (136) and Anthony McGrath (91) put on 164 in 35 overs as Yorkshire powered their way to 486 for five, although Dominic Cork bore up well under the assault.

Proceedings were rather more sedate at Old Trafford, where Michael Atherton's 87 was the backbone of Lancashire's 296 for five against Leicestershire. Atherton, dismissed for 98 against Kent earlier in the week, fell leg-before in the last over before tea, attempting to sweep Matthew Brimson, the left-arm spinner.

Shane Lee, Somerset's new Australian all-rounder, had a profitable day against Nottinghamshire at Taunton. He and Graham Rose, whose return of six for 41 equalled the best of his career, brought about a collapse which saw the last six Nottinghamshire wickets fall for 30 runs. Then, with Somerset struggling at 57 for three, Lee's rapid 82 led a recovery to 187 for four, only 13 behind.

Century by Warren underlines wealth of batting

By Ivo Tennant

NORTHAMPTON (first day of four; Northamptonshire won toss): Northamptonshire have scored 332 for four wickets against Glamorgan

IT IS not every county that can lose its best batsman, as Northamptonshire learnt they had just before the start of the season, and still have an upper order that should not want for runs. Russell Warren made the second century of his career yesterday, and there were notable contributions from the openers and David Capel as well.

Allan Lamb, the football stands and floodlights, are not all to have gone from the County Ground. The last of the old pitches has been removed, too. Now that the square has been relaid, there is some bounce for any fast bowler prepared to exert himself, as Thomas did.

His direction was less impressive, but he was not alone in that. Glamorgan's most successful bowler was Dale, who had to make a virtue of accuracy at his lesser pace. He found a beauty to remove Fordham, a leg-cutter taking the edge and being well held by Metson in front of first slip, but this was a day on which most of the dismissals were self-induced — that of Montgomerie, for instance.

Having put on 105 for the first wicket with Fordham, and batted without apparent difficulty, he pulled a long hop from Dale to the one fielder in the deep. Then, Bailey half-hit an attempted drive to deep mid-off before he had scored, a stroke of indeterminate ambition.

Loye, dropped at first slip off Thomas when five, played pleasantly enough until he chose the wrong foot off which to drive a ball of fullish length from Watkin, whereupon Capel, who reached 10,000 runs for Northamptonshire in the course of the afternoon, gave Warren the very support that he needed in an unbroken partnership of 146.

The departure of Lamb has, of course, brought about enhanced opportunities, for Loye and, possibly, Warren, although his form last year was such as to ensure that he started the season in the middle of the order.

His century, which came off 173 balls, included 14 fours and was redolent of an impressive concentration. In the final over of the day, Capel reached his half-century, which came off 108 balls.

Bicknell leads way as bowlers take to hard track

By Pat Gibson

THE OVAL (first day of four; Kent won toss): Surrey, with seven first-innings wickets in hand, are 137 runs behind Kent

EVEN Alan Igglesden might have fancied a bowl yesterday if he had not been laid up with a back injury. In the Kent man's continuing absence, three more reluctant heroes, whose various ailments would fill several pages of a medical dictionary, seized the opportunity to remind England's selectors that their fast bowling resources are not quite as depleted as they sometimes appear.

Martin Bicknell, capped twice against Australia three years ago, set the pace with two Kent wickets in his first over; Chris Lewis, looking to revive his faltering international career with his third county, picked up two more; finally, Martin McCague, discarded after a wretched tour of Australia two winters ago, softened up Surrey with the most blistering spell of all.

Kent were soon regretting their decision to bat first on a hard, bouncy pitch. Fleming, who is hardly equipped to open in such conditions, was caught in the gully off Bicknell's fourth ball. Ward, who is, was caught behind off his sixth, a beauty that lifted and left him.

Lewis, recovered from the hip injury that prevented him from playing any championship cricket for Nottinghamshire last season, was just as menacing, although he did not need any help from the pitch to get rid of Hooper, who lost sight of the slower ball that yorked him.

Kent were then 13 for three and it was just as well for them that Fulton dug in for 34 overs before Lewis came back to have him caught at third slip off a lifting delivery that he could not avoid. Fulton had been joined in a fourth-wicket stand of 75 by Cowdrey, who had put a brave face on the crisis, with six fours in 45, when he was bowled sweeping at Pearson, Surrey's new off spinner.

Pearson went on to take two more wickets, including that of Ealham, whose bold 51 inspired such resistance from the lower order that Kent reached 225. Then McCague went to work, undoing Darren Bicknell with a lifter, and undermining Stewart and Thorpe, who both contrived to get out to the gentler pace of Ealham.

SHEEHAN on BRIDGE

By Robert Sheehan, bridge correspondent

In the past few refresher articles, we have looked at one- and two-level overcalls in a suit. However, these are not the only possible actions when an opponent has opened the bidding — another possibility is an overcall of 1 NT. This shows 15-18 points with a good stopper in the opponent's suit. If you are used to playing a strong no-trump, it is pretty much like an opening bid, except for the requirement of having a particular suit stopped; if you are used to playing a weaker no-trump, you just have to do a bit of arithmetic before deciding whether or not to bid on. Bidding over a 1 NT overcall is fairly straightforward — you just bid as if partner had opened 1 NT (obviously adjusting if necessary to compensate for a different range) using your favourite methods. The following would be good examples of 1 NT overcalls after a One Club opening:

(a) ♠A K 6 5
♥A Q 6
♦Q 5
♣K 10 7 6

(b) ♠A 5 4
♥K 6
♦Q J 7
♣A K 10 7 6

With hand (a), 1 NT is better than Double. When it is possible to describe your hand in one bid, that is always preferable to making a bid that could be made on many different sorts of hands.

With hand (b), some people would make a "trap pass" in the hope of taking a penalty from the opponents. This may work well, particularly when the opponents are vulnerable, but it may lead to problems in describing your hand later. It is simpler to overcall 1 NT in the first place.

In fourth position, ie, after your left-hand opponent's opening bid has been passed round to you, it is usual to play a 1 NT overcall as showing a weaker hand, say 11-14 points.

In the direct position, it is possible that your partner has no high cards at all and that your opponents will be able to double you profitably. This is why quite a strong hand is needed.

In fourth seat, it is different. Your opponents have let the bidding die at the one level so, presumably, have only about half the points in the pack between them. Your side will also have about half the points. The less you have, the more your partner will have. If you waited until you had 16-18 points, you would have no suitable bid on a much more frequent hand. When both sides have about half the points, it is important not to let your opponents play the hand too easily.

☐ Robert Sheehan writes on bridge Monday to Friday in Sport and in the Weekend section on Saturday.

WORD-WATCHING

By Philip Howard

HOOSIER
a. More drunk
b. A clot
c. A Mrs Grundy

MOUTAN
a. A Pyrenean sheep
b. A Viva Zapata moustache
c. The tree peony

KETJAK
a. A male dance
b. A Cossack whip
c. Dried horsemeat

MARCHEN
a. A Dutch market
b. A town boundary
c. A fairy-story

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KEENE on CHESS

By Raymond Keene
chess correspondent

Kamsky wins

Today, I continue my preview of the respective chances in the Fide world championship between Gata Kamsky and Anatoly Karpov, due to start in Elista, Kalmykia, on June 6. Kamsky, now the leading American player, defected from the Soviet Union to the United States when he was 15. Kamsky is not noted as a profound student of opening theory, nor does his play sparkle with the sacrificial elegance and power of attack which one associates with Kasparov. Instead, Kamsky stands out by virtue of his dogged persistence and a technique that relies on an accumulation of small advantages. The games that he conducts to victory are often exceedingly long. One exception was the following withering assault against Karpov, where the latter's Caro-Kann defence was put to the test. Black lost, having survived the attack, but in a position where he was substantial material in arrears.

White: Gata Kamsky
Black: Anatoly Karpov
Dos Hermanas, 1995

Caro-Kann Defence

1	e4	c6
2	d4	d5
3	e5	Bf5
4	Nf3	e6
5	Be2	c5
6	Be3	Nd7
7	c4	dxc4
8	0-0	a6
9	Bxc4	Ne7
10	Nc3	b5
11	Bd3	c4
12	Bc2	Rc8
13	Re1	b4
14	Ne4	Nd5
15	Bg5	Qa5
16	Nh4	Bxe4
17	Bxe4	g6
18	Qg4	Bg7
19	f4	Qb6
20	Kh1	Qc6
21	f5	N7b6
22	Bf6	Bxf6
23	exf6	Kd8
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25	Bxg6	Rc7
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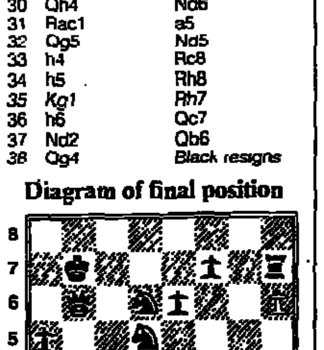
38	Qg4	Black resigns

Diagram of final position



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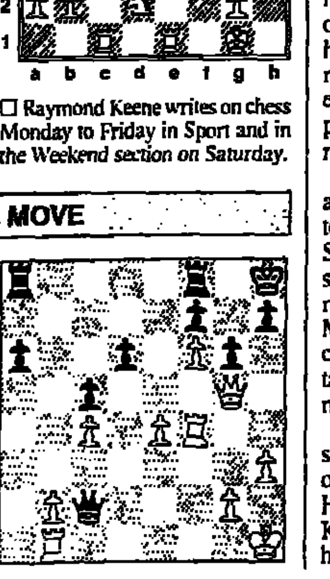
WINNING MOVE

By Raymond Keene

White to play. This position is from the game Bronstein — Keres, Budapest, 1950. David Bronstein, who twice challenged for the world title, was one of the most feared attacking players of his day. This position demonstrates why. How did Bronstein brilliantly conclude his kingside attack?



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Consolation prize is Britain's last hope

GREAT Britain remained at the bottom of the table in the Sultan Azlan Shah hockey tournament in Ipoh, Malaysia, yesterday, after a 2-0 defeat by South Korea (Sydney Friskin writes). However, a win today over Holland could still leave them with a chance of a third-place play-off on Sunday.

Julian Halls returned to his post at full back after missing the last match because of injury, but did not stay on the field for long. Garcia was tried at centre half and Takher was switched to inside left. Laslett's injury kept him out of action again.

Britain's defence worked hard in attempting to contain the fast and skilful Koreans, but the attack lacked sting despite the promptings of Mayer and Shaw on the right flank. A number of saves by Luckes, in goal, kept them in the game for 33 minutes before the Koreans scored through Song-seung Tae, the outside left, who hit the target with a strong reverse-stick shot.

Two short corners for Britain in the second half came to nothing which meant that, out of 17 in four matches, only two have been converted. The Koreans, maintaining pressure, earned six short corners in this period, forcing Luckes to make three saves.

However, he was beaten by a soft shot dispatched from the top of the circle by Seok-kye Shin, the full back, for the second goal in the 64th minute. With two minutes left, Mayer was presented with a chance to score, but his shot, taken on the reverse, just missed the target.

Earlier, Australia made sure of their place in the final on Sunday with a 4-0 win over Holland. Davies, Smith and Kingston scored in the first half and Stacy in the second.

YESTERDAY'S SCOREBOARDS

Tetley's Challenge Series
Worcestershire v Indians

WORCESTER (second day of three) Worcestershire, with six first-innings wickets in hand, are 91 runs ahead of the Indians

INDIANS: First Innings 349 for 5 dec (V Rathore 165, M Azharuddin 68, S R Tendulkar 52)

WORCESTERSHIRE: First Innings

T S Curtis c Azharuddin b Mhambrey	19
W P C Weston lbw b Ganguly	98
G A Hick c Rathore b Venkatesh Prasad	215
R K Spiring b Kumble	45
†S J Rhodes not out	38
D A Leatherdale not out	7
Extras (b 5, lb 5, nb 8)	18
Total (4 wkts)	440

*T M Moody, S R Lampitt, R K Illingworth, P A Thomas and A Sheriyar to bat

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-45, 2-345, 3-351, 4-424

BOWLING: Venkatesh Prasad 25-5-75-1, Mhambrey 20-5-87-1, Kumble 31-4-121-1, Hirwani 21-3-116-0; Ganguly 7-2-13-1, Jadeja 5-1-18-0

Umpires: D J Constant and P Willey

Hampshire v Essex

SOUTHAMPTON (first day of four; Essex won toss): Hampshire have scored 381 for six wickets against Essex

HAMPSHIRE: First Innings

*J P Stephenson lbw b Williams	50
J S Laney c Rollins b Irani	31
R S M Morris c Rollins b Irani	0
R A Smith c Law b Such	50
G W White c Robinson b Ilott	0
P R Whitaker c Hussain b Such	55
†A N Aymes not out	51
W K M Benjamin not out	102
Extras (b 6, lb 14, nb 22)	42
Total (6 wkts, 104 overs)	381

S D Udal, S M Milburn and C A Connor to bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-83, 2-83, 3-99, 4-114, 5-194, 6-225

BOWLING: Ilott 28-7-84-1; Williams 21-2-77-1, Law 9-0-39-0; Irani 16-1-83-2; Such 23-9-48-2; Grayson 7-1-30-0.

ESSEX: G A Gooch, D D J Robinson, N Hussain, S G Law, *P J Prichard, R C Irani, A P Grayson, †R J Rollins, M C Ilott, P M Such, N F Williams.

Bonus points: Hampshire 4 Essex 2

Umpires: A A Jones and D R Shepherd

Lancashire v Leicestershire

OLD TRAFFORD (first day of four; Lancashire won toss): Lancashire have scored 296 for five wickets against Leicestershire

LANCASHIRE: First Innings

J E R Gallian st Nixon b Pierson	24
M A Atherton lbw b Brimson	87
J P Crawley c Nixon b Millns	27
N J Speak c and b Maddy	55
G D Lloyd not out	58
*M Watkinson c Simmons b Maddy	1
†W K Hegg not out	25
Extras (b 2, lb 13, nb 4)	19
Total (5 wkts, 110 overs)	296

I D Austin, S Elworthy, P J Martin and G Keedy to bat

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-51, 2-100, 3-191, 4-234, 5-240.

BOWLING: Millns 18-8-43-1, Mullally 21-6-52-0, Simmons 13-1-29-0; Pierson 20-6-51-1, Wells 5-2-17-0; Brimson 25-4-77-1; Maddy 8-4-12-2.

LEICESTERSHIRE: V J Wells, D L Maddy, B F Smith, P V Simmons, *J J Whitaker, A Habib, †P A Nixon, M T Brimson, A R K Pierson, D J Millns, A D Mullally

Bonus points: Lancashire 2 Leicestershire 2

Umpires: H D Bird and R A White.

Middlesex v Durham

LORD'S (first day of four; Middlesex won toss): Durham, with four first-innings wickets in hand, are 77 runs behind Middlesex

MIDDLESEX: First Innings

P N Weekes lbw b Brown	19
J C Pooley b Betts	1
M R Ramprakash c Scott b Betts	6
*M W Gatting run out	74
J D Carr c Collingwood b Foster	16
†K R Brown lbw b Foster	32
R L Johnson b Betts	9
A R C Fraser c Roseberry b Foster	10
R A Fay c Campbell b Foster	0
P C R Tufnell c Campbell b Brown	2
D Follett not out	0
Extras (lb 10, nb 12)	22
Total (55.3 overs)	191

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-2, 2-20, 3-34, 4-94, 5-156, 6-169, 7-186, 8-186, 9-191.

BOWLING: Brown 14-2-53-2; Betts 20-5-79-3; Foster 10.3-4-21-4; Collingwood 3-1-9-0; Boiling 8-2-20-0

DURHAM: First Innings

*M A Roseberry lbw b Follett	43
S L Campbell c Ramprakash b Fay	13
S Hutton lbw b Fay	0
J E Morris c Carr b Fay	0
P D Collingwood lbw b Fraser	7
J A Daley b Johnson	34
M J Foster not out	9
†C W Scott not out	1
Extras (lb 5, nb 2)	7
Total (6 wkts, 46 overs)	114

J Boiling, M M Betts and S J E Brown to bat

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-30, 2-30, 3-30, 4-41, 5-88, 6-109

BOWLING: Fraser 13-4-23-1; Johnson 6-2-15-1, Fay 10-3-18-3; Follett 8-1-42-1; Weekes 5-4-9-0, Tufnell 4-3-2-0

Bonus points: Middlesex 2 Durham 4

Umpires: A Clarkson and J H Harris

Northants v Glamorgan

NORTHAMPTON (first day of four; Northamptonshire won toss): Northamptonshire have scored 332 for four wickets against Glamorgan

NORTHAMPTONSHIRE: First Innings

R R Montgomerie c Watkin b Dale	51
A Fordham c Metson b Dale	52
*R J Bailey c Thomas b Dale	0
M B Loye b Watkin	36
R J Warren not out	128
D J Capel not out	51
Extras (lb 5, w 1, nb 8)	14
Total (4 wkts, 90 overs)	332

K M Curran, A L Penberthy, †D Ripley, J E Emburey and J P Taylor to bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-105, 2-105, 3-110, 4-186

BOWLING: Watkin 24-5-79-1, Thomas 23-3-98-0; Dale 16-4-51-3, Croft 13-2-38-0; Kendrick 12-4-42-0; Butcher 2-0-19-0

GLAMORGAN: S P James, H Morris, A Dale, *M P Maynard, P A Cottey, R D B Croft, G P Butcher, S D Thomas, †C P Metson, S L Watkin, N M Kendrick.

Bonus points: Northamptonshire 3 Glamorgan 1

Umpires: G I Burgess and M J Kitchen.

Somerset v Notts

TAUNTON (first day of four; Somerset won toss): Somerset, with six first-innings wickets in hand, are 13 runs behind Nottinghamshire

NOTTINGHAMSHIRE: First Innings

R T Robinson lbw b Rose	34
A A Metcalfe c Turner b Shine	9
G F Archer lbw b Lee	83
*P Johnson lbw b Rose	0
M P Dowman c Turner b Caddick	22
C L Cairns c Lee b Rose	15
C M Tolley c Turner b Rose	9
†W M Noon c Turner b Rose	6
R A Pick b Rose	0
D B Pennett c and b Lee	8
J A Afford not out	0
Extras (lb 6, w 3, nb 5)	14
Total (63 overs)	200

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-24, 2-84, 3-92, 4-144, 5-170, 6-170, 7-183, 8-191, 9-196

BOWLING: Caddick 14-4-35-1; Shine 15-3-50-1, Lee 15-2-68-2; Rose 19-9-41-6

SOMERSET: First Innings

M N Lathwell run out	40
P D Bowler lbw b Pennett	7
*A N Hayhurst retired hurt	0
R J Harden lbw b Cairns	0
P C L Holloway not out	36
S Lee c Metcalfe b Afford	82
J D Batty not out	8
Extras (b 1, w 1, nb 12)	14
Total (4 wkts, 41 overs)	187

†R J Turner, G D Rose, A R Caddick and K J Shine to bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-36, 2-47, 3-57, 4-175

BOWLING: Cairns 13-1-61-1, Pennett 11-0-65-1; Pick 7-1-21-0, Tolley 5-0-27-0; Dowman 3-1-12-0, Afford 2-2-0-1

Bonus points: Somerset 4 Nottinghamshire 2

Umpires: B Leadbeater and R Palmer

Surrey v Kent

THE OVAL (first day of four, Kent won toss). Surrey, with seven first-innings wickets in hand, are 137 runs behind Kent

KENT: First Innings

D P Fulton c Brown b Lewis	28
M V Fleming c Julian b M P Bicknell	0
T R Ward c Kersey b M P Bicknell	0
C L Hooper b Lewis	7
G R Cowdrey b Pearson	45
M A Ealham b Pearson	51
*†S A Marsh c Brown b Butcher	29
J B D Thompson b Julian	16
M J McCague c D J Bicknell b Pearson	14
M M Patel c Lewis b Julian	13
T N Wren not out	1
Extras (lb 4, w 1, nb 16)	21
Total (77.4 overs)	225

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-1, 2-1, 3-13, 4-88, 5-92, 6-176, 7-180, 8-210, 9-214

BOWLING: M P Bicknell 17-6-52-2, Lewis 20-4-57-2; Julian 14.4-3-36-2; Butcher 13-3-41-1; Pearson 13-5-35-3

SURREY: First Innings

D J Bicknell c Cowdrey b McCague	8
M A Butcher not out	40
*A J Stewart c Hooper b Ealham	6
G P Thorpe b Ealham	8
A D Brown not out	18
Extras (lb 6, nb 2)	8
Total (3 wkts, 25 overs)	88

A J Hollioake, C C Lewis, B P Julian, †G J Kersey, M P Bicknell and R M Pearson to bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-18, 2-35, 3-47.

BOWLING: McCague 9-2-25-1, Thompson 6-1-14-0; Ealham 6-0-25-2; Wren 3-0-14-0; Patel 2-0-4-0

Bonus points: Surrey 4 Kent 2

Umpires: K J Lyons and B J Meyer

Sussex v Warwickshire

HOVE (first day of four, Warwickshire won toss): Warwickshire have scored 494 for three wickets against Sussex

WARWICKSHIRE: First Innings

N V Knight b Drakes	132
W G Khan b Phillips	19
D P Ostler c Athey b Phillips	90
T L Penney not out	129
*D A Reeve not out	97
Extras (lb 6, w 1, nb 20)	27
Total (3 wkts, 108 overs)	494

S M Pollock, D R Brown, G Welch, †K J Piper, A F Giles and N M K Smith to bat

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-68, 2-209, 3-297

BOWLING: Giddins 22-2-85-0; Drakes 20-1-121-1; Jarvis 14-0-65-0, Phillips 33-2-139-2; Law 19-1-78-0

SUSSEX: C W J Athey, J W Hall, M P Speight, *A P Wells, N J Lenham, D R C Law, †P Moores, V C Drakes, N C Phillips, P W Jarvis, E S H Giddins

Bonus points: Sussex 1 Warwickshire 4

Umpires: J W Holder and V A Holder

Yorkshire v Derbyshire

SHEFFIELD (first day of four; Yorkshire won toss): Yorkshire have scored 486 for five wickets against Derbyshire

YORKSHIRE: First Innings

M D Moxon c Krikken b Cork	59
M P Vaughan c Adams b Malcolm	41
*D Byas c Vandrau b Malcolm	79
M G Bevan c Owen b Cork	136
A McGrath c Adams b Cork	91
C White not out	47
†R J Blakey not out	5
Extras (b 5, lb 9, w 2, nb 12)	28
Total (5 wkts, 106 overs)	486

D Gough, P J Hartley, C E W Silverwood and R D Stemp to bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-73, 2-132, 3-235, 4-399, 5-471

BOWLING: Malcolm 16-2-82-2, Cork 34-7-138-3; Aldred 18-1-74-0; Vandrau 25-1-108-0; Wells 5-0-25-0; Barnett 8-0-45-0

DERBYSHIRE: K J Barnett, A S Rollins, C J Adams, *D M Jones, J E Owen, C M Wells, †K M Krikken, D G Cork, M J Vandrau, P Aldred, D E Malcolm

Bonus points: Yorkshire 4 Derbyshire 2

Umpires: J H Hampshire and N T Plews

Pyman kept in shade by health concerns

FROM MEL WEBB IN MADRID

THE GOLF at the Spanish Open at Club de Campo yesterday was almost relegated to second place as health matters thrust their way to the top of the leaderboard. Two bulletins were posted on the gate; one made happy reading, the other much less so.

The first was a progress report on the fragile state of José María Olazábal's aching feet; the second involved a mystery illness being suffered by Venetia, Colin Montgomerie's three-month-old daughter, which prompted the European No 1 to pull out of the tournament to be at her cotside with Eimear, his wife.

Venetia was taken sick at the Montgomeries' home in Surrey on Sunday and was admitted to hospital. Montgomerie, who had a first-round 74, two over par, had mixed feelings about playing this week. "He has kept in touch with Eimear all week and spoke to her after he finished playing today," Guy Kinnings, his manager, said. "Venetia's condition is stable but is obviously a cause for concern, and Colin feels he wants to be with his family."

FIRST ROUND

Great Britain and Ireland unless stated

EARLY SCORES: 66: I Pyman. 67: P O'Malley (Aus), M Wills. 68: P Haugsrud (Nor), R Muntz (Hol), R Chapman, P Eales. 69: P Golding, J Coceres (Arg), A Cabrera (Arg), E Canonica (It), R Wessels (SA), M Gronberg (Swe), G Clark, T Levet (Fr), T Bjorn (Den), A Binaghi (It). 70: S Luna (Sp), G Brand Jr, J Sandelin (Swe), E Romero (Arg), S Torrance, P Linhart (Sp), T Price (Aus), J Robson, S Struver (Ger). 71: F Howley, J Widener (US), G Ralph, S Ames (Tri), M Moreno (Sp), S Gallacher, D Borrego (Sp), M Harwood (Aus), B May (US), E Bolognesi (It), P Baker. 72: S Field, A Lebouc (Fr), J Piñero (Sp), J Arruti (Sp), G Ryall, T Gogele (Ger), F Tarnaud (Fr), S Ballesteros (Sp). Retired: E Giraud (Fr). Withdrawn after first round: C Montgomerie, J Lomas

It is a small irony that Montgomerie's withdrawal came only 24 hours after he both sympathised with Olazábal, who has been out of action for eight months with rheumatoid arthritis in both feet, and thanked the lucky stars for his own health.

Alarming stories have been circulating about the prognosis for Olazábal — he would not be playing this year, next year; maybe, went the scuttlebutt, he would never play tournament golf again. It was therefore with some relief that Sergio Gomez, Olazábal's manager, was able to lay some of the rumours to rest.

"José is very close to the 90 per cent fit he wants to be before he returns," Gomez said. "This week he intends to play 18 holes a day for four days to simulate what he would have to take on in a tournament."

The upshot is that, if he passes his long-distance fitness test as this tournament is being played, he could be back in action in the Volvo PGA championship in two weeks. "He is happy that there is now every chance that he might be able to play half a season this year instead of none of it," Gomez said.

Back on the golf course, it was business as usual. Play was even delayed for a while, something that has become almost a permanent feature of the European tour this season.

This time, lightning pulled the players off the course for 65 minutes, after which Iain Pyman made light of soft and spike-ridden greens to return a 66, six under par, for a one-stroke lead over Peter O'Malley and Marcus Wills, with Roger Chapman, Paul Eales and Derrick Cooper in a group a further shot astern.

Severiano Ballesteros, meanwhile, came in with a 72. In the days of yore, level par would have been nothing for Ballesteros to write home about; in these troubled days for the great Spaniard, it was cause for celebration.

The leader, Pyman, is that rare animal among tournament professionals, a traditionalist. He used a metal wood with a graphite shaft from the moment he left the amateur ranks in 1994, but was missing too many fairways. His remedy was to take up a driver with an old-fashioned persimmon head and a positively medieval steel shaft, and is obviously back on the straight and narrow. High technology? Forget it.

☐ The McDonald's LPGA championship at DuPont Country Club in Wilmington, Delaware, was called off because of rain yesterday. Weather permitting, the championship — which has been reduced to 54 holes — will get under way today.

Riders find grounds for complaint

BY JENNY MACARTHUR

JULIAN HERBERT

Hoekstra and Collette on their way to victory in the Windsor Stakes yesterday

IT COULD not last. On Wednesday, the opening day of the Royal Windsor Horse Show, riders were full of praise for the improved going in the main arena. Yesterday, after the organisers had continued to water the ground despite overnight rain, the riders were unanimous in their condemnation.

David McPherson, of South Africa, who won the Speed Classic, the main event of the day, on Flip, his French-bred gelding, said: "It's a disgrace when a show of this stature can't get it right. It was so slippery it wasn't safe to open up round the corners."

Nick Skelton, who had 16 faults on Cabaret, said that his views on the going were "unprintable". Michael Whitaker blamed Elton's uncharacteristic four faults at fence six, a vertical, on the greasy going and said that he was not going to jump Midnight Madness, his top horse, until Sunday.

Michael Bullen, the chairman of the show, said that "every effort" had been made before the show to have the ground right for the showjumpers. After the riders' comments yesterday, he was intending to have the ground spiked last night in order to dry it out.

Despite the riders' criticisms, there were 11 clear rounds in the Speed Classic. Guy Goosen, the eventual runner-up, held the lead for most of the competition on Fiorella, only to be pipped by McPherson and Flip.

McPherson disclosed that Flip, who started his career with Jo Fargis, the 1984 Olympic gold medal-winner, is for sale. McPherson has been based at Maidstone for the past ten years and survives in the sport by running a dealing yard.

Earlier, Rob Hoekstra, born in Holland but based near Tunbridge Wells for the past 20 years, achieved the satisfaction of relegating John Whitaker, a leading Olympic contender, to second place in the Windsor Stakes. Hoekstra, 38, gained his win on Collette, a ten-year-old Dutch-bred mare, whom he described as "an out-and-out winner".

The victorious rider was critical not only of the poor ground but also of the prize-money. "I can't understand a show like Windsor not giving more prize-money," Hoekstra said. "You don't expect to jump at one of Britain's top shows for so little — it's what you would expect in a novice competition."

Hoekstra, who fulfilled a long-standing ambition when he gained a double clear round in the Prague Nations Cup on Roseanna last year, won £200 yesterday. His entry fees and stabling (for two nights) at the show total £650.

RESULTS: Speed Classic: 1, Flip (D McPherson, SA) 63.45sec; 2, Fiorella (G Goosen, GB) 63.87; 3, Eternity (E-J Mac, GB) 64.32. Windsor Stakes: 1, Collette (R Hoekstra, GB) 0 flts, 42.93sec; 2, Randi (J Whitaker, GB) 0, 43.24; 3, Camavelley (K Cooper, GB) 0, 49.45. Osborne Refrigeration Hunter championship: Champion: P Hales's Sheer Delight; reserve, Colchester Commercials' Regal Max.

Dallaglio's efforts earn top award

LAWRENCE DALLAGLIO, who took over the captaincy of Wasps at short notice last season and then cemented an international place as England's open-side flanker, was named last night as the Rugby Football Union's player of the season at an awards dinner in London (David Hands writes).

It is deserved recognition for Dallaglio who, at 23, is one of the rising stars of the professional era. He won his first cap as a replacement against South Africa last November and retained the place against the opposition offered by the more experienced Andy Robinson and Neil Back. His leadership helped Wasps to ride the early-season storm caused by the loss to Newcastle of Dean Ryan and Rob Andrew.

Alex King, one of Wasps' most recent acquisitions, is the RFU's most promising player of the season. King, a second-year student at Bristol University and stand-off half, was catapulted to prominence by the divisional championship. A special presentation was made by Bill Bishop, the RFU president, to Will Carling to mark his retirement in March as England captain.

Wasps, who hope to raise £2.5 million through a Stock Exchange flotation, have re-signed Gareth Rees, Canada's World Cup captain, who played for them in the John Player Cup final in 1986 as an 18-year-old Harrow schoolboy.

AWARDS: Player of the season: L Dallaglio (Wasps). Young player of the season: A King (Bristol University). Try of the season: A Adebayo (Bath) v Leicester (6 1 96). Unsung hero: B Davies (Saracens). Cellnet youth development trophy: A Evans (Cumbria)

SPORT IN BRIEF

Premier League's attendance boom

ATTENDANCES in football's FA Carling Premiership rose for the fourth successive season in 1995-96 (Russell Kempson writes). The FA Premier League, which runs the Premiership, announced an increase of 13.5 per cent, which is almost 30 per cent up on the first year of the competition, 1992-93. Average attendances in the Premiership rose from 24,271 during 1994-95 to 27,550, with 17 clubs attracting larger crowds.

Middlesbrough and Bolton Wanderers, promoted from the Endsleigh Insurance League first division, led the way, with Middlesbrough enjoying a rise of 55.7 per cent. "We are very pleased with the figures," Rick Parry, the chief executive of the FA Premier League, said. "They reveal, more than anything else, the popularity of Premier League football and the renewed interest that has been generated in our national sport over the past few years."

Seniors set for service

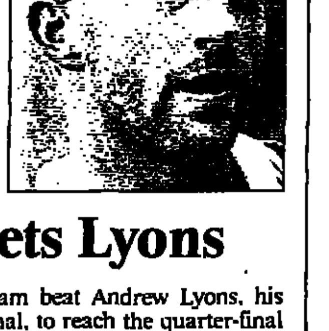
GOLF: Tommy Horton, Malcolm Gregson and Brian Huggett — all former Ryder Cup players — will be challenging for the £16,660 first prize when the increasingly high-profile European Seniors Tour gets under way today. The resort of Antalya, 500 miles south of Istanbul, hosts the 100-strong field for the Turkish Seniors Open. Starting as favourite is John Morgan, of Cheshire, the British PGA Seniors champion, and Europe's top senior player in 1994.

Obree's plans change

CYCLING: Graeme Obree resumes the defence of his World Cup pursuit title this afternoon in Athens without the new high-tech machine that he had hoped would be available. Instead, Obree, from Scotland, will ride his homemade "old faithful" bike, which took him to international fame in 1993, when he broke the world one-hour record. Obree leads the 12-strong British team, which also includes Chris Newton, who won the Thwaites grand prix that finished on Monday.

Becker at his worst

TENNIS: Boris Becker, right, played what he described as "his worst match of the year" when he lost 6-2, 6-2 to Gilbert Schaller, of Austria, in the third round of the Panasonic German Open in Hamburg yesterday. Becker, the No 1 seed, added: "Players smile in the morning if they see conditions like this. They pray for it because they know they have a chance to beat me."



Latham upsets Lyons

REAL TENNIS: Hugh Latham beat Andrew Lyons, his fellow Queen's Club professional, to reach the quarter-final of the BNB Resources British professional championship at Holyport. The unseeded Latham took the first two sets in confident style. Lyons raised his game to level the match, before Latham finally resumed command, clinching the decider 6-5. Mike Gooding and Chris Bray, the two leading British professionals, advanced to the quarter-finals.

Weighty discussion

MOTOR SPORT: An emergency meeting of the technical committee of the British touring car championship (BTTC) yesterday failed to resolve the dispute over the weight handicap applied to the all-conquering four-wheel drive Audi A4. Next Monday has been set as the deadline for the committee to present a formal recommendation whether the Audi, the winner of four of the first six BTCC races, should be forced to carry an additional weight penalty.

Ward makes progress

TENNIS: Jo Ward caused an upset at the LTA Spring Satellite tournament at Lee-on-Solent yesterday by beating Karen Cross, the No 1 seed, to win a place in the semi-finals. Ward, a former national champion, of Durham and Cleveland, played superbly to win 6-2, 7-6 over Cross, of Exeter. Ward now meets Magalie Lamarre, of France, the only overseas player left in the women's event. In the other semi-final, Megan Miller meets Jasmine Choudhury.

FOR THE RECORD

FOOTBALL

Endsleigh Insurance League

Second division

BRIGHTON (1) 1 YORK (0) 3
Maskell 19 Bull 54
2,106 Stephenson 56
Jordan 89

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Swindon	46	25	17	4	71	34	92
Oxford Utd	46	24	11	11	76	39	83
Blackpool	46	23	13	10	67	40	82
Notts Co	46	21	15	10	63	39	78
Crewe	46	22	7	17	77	60	73
Bradford	46	22	7	17	71	69	73
Chestrfld	46	20	12	14	56	51	72
Wrexham	46	18	16	12	76	55	70
Stockport	46	19	13	14	61	47	70
Bristol R	46	20	10	16	57	60	70
Walsall	46	19	12	15	60	45	69
Wycombe	46	15	15	16	63	59	60
Bristol City	46	15	15	16	55	60	60
Bournemth	46	16	10	20	51	70	58
Brentford	46	15	13	18	43	49	58
Rotherham	46	14	14	18	54	62	56
Burnley	46	14	13	19	56	68	55
Shrwsbury	46	13	14	19	58	70	53
Peterboro	46	13	13	20	59	66	52
York	46	13	13	20	58	73	52
Carlisle	46	12	13	21	57	72	49
Swansea	46	11	14	21	43	79	47
Brighton	46	10	10	26	46	69	40
Hull	46	5	16	25	36	78	31

Wednesday's late results

EUROPEAN CUP WINNERS' CUP: Final: Paris Saint-Germain 1 Rapid Vienna 0.

PAUL MERSON TESTIMONIAL MATCH: Arsenal XI 8 International XI 5.

STUART PEARCE TESTIMONIAL MATCH: Nottingham Forest XI 6 Newcastle United XI 5.

AVON INSURANCE COMBINATION: First division: Charlton 3 Brighton 1

PONTINS CENTRAL LEAGUE: First division: Oldham 5 Notts County 2; Sheffield Wed 0 Leeds 1; Tranmere 0 Liverpool 2; West Bromwich 0 Blackburn 0. Second division: Barnsley 2 Preston 3; Hull 1 Blackpool 4; Mansfield 1 Manchester City 6; York 1 Grimsby 1. Third division: Darlington 2 Wigan 4; Walsall 1 Shrewsbury 1.

COMBINED COUNTIES LEAGUE: Premier division: Eton Wick 2 Peppard 2; Reading 2 Feltham 2.

JEWSON LEAGUE CUP: Final: Fakenham 0 Halstead 4

INTERNATIONAL MATCH: Georgia 1 Greece 2 (in Ioannina).

SPANISH LEAGUE: Español 5 Real Oviedo 0

VIENNA: European under-16 championship: Semi-finals: Portugal 3 Greece 0; France 1 Israel 0.

BRAZILIAN LEAGUE: São Paulo championship: São Jose 1 Botafogo 2; Aracatuba 3 XV de Jau 1; Mogi Mirim 2 Ferroviana 0; Rio Branco 2 Santos 5; São Paulo 3 Uniao São Joao 0. Copa Brazil: Quarter-final, first leg: Palmeiras 2 Parana 0.

SCHOOLS MATCHES: Northern Merit League: Play-offs: Huddersfield 1 Sefton 2; Blackpool 0 Leeds 0; Huddersfield 0 Blackpool 2; Sefton 0 Leeds 0; Huddersfield 1 Leeds 2, Sefton 1 Blackpool 2. Winner: Blackpool. Clare Graham Trophy: Final: Second leg: Durham 2 Northumberland 0 (Durham win 4-1 on aggregate).

AUSTRALIAN RULES

MELBOURNE: Australian League (AFL): Essendon 22.11 (143) bt Geelong 17.12 (114).

BASEBALL

AMERICAN LEAGUE: Minnesota 7 Seattle 5; New York 10 Detroit 3; Chicago 11 Baltimore 2; Texas 4 Toronto 2; Kansas City 3 California 1; Cleveland 7 Oakland 3. Postponed: Milwaukee v Boston.

NATIONAL LEAGUE: San Diego 5 Pittsburgh 4; Pittsburgh 4 San Diego 3; Florida 6 New York 3; Cincinnati 5 Los Angeles 0; Montreal 4 Chicago 2; Philadelphia 2 Houston 1; Atlanta 5 Colorado 1. San Francisco 10 St Louis 7

BASKETBALL

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION (NBA): Play-offs: Semi-finals: Eastern Conference: Orlando 117 Atlanta 105 (Orlando lead best-of-seven series 1-0).

SYDNEY: Women's international tournament: Australia 102 Cuba 74; United States 72 Ukraine 50

CRICKET

SECOND XI CHAMPIONSHIP: Final day of three: Abbotsholme School: Yorkshire 324-7 dec (B Parker 83, N Russell 64 not out, C A Chapman 53) and 239-4 dec (M J Wood 100 not out, C J Schofield 50); Derbyshire 302-4 dec (M J Vandrau 110, J Cokayne 62, B Spendlove 50 not out) and 173-9. Match drawn. Old Trafford: Lancashire 351-8 dec (D J Shadford 101 not out) and 212-4 dec (P C McKeown 124); Worcestershire 278-8 dec (D B D'Oliveira 62, M Diwan 64 not out, M J Church 52) and 201-8 (V S Solanki 72). Match drawn. Second day of three: Bristol: Hampshire 355 all out and 71-2; Gloucestershire 327-5 dec (N J Trainer 172 not out, D R Hewson 51)

CYCLING

TOUR DUPONT: Eighth stage (Bristol to Beech Mountain, North Carolina, 176.5 kilometres): 1, P Herve (Fr, Festina) 5hr 00min 03sec; 2, L Armstrong (US, Motorola) at 51sec; 3, D Nardello (It, Mapei-GB) at 1min 20sec; 4, T Rominger (Switz, Mapei-GB) at 1:45; 5, A Gonzalez (Sp, Mapei-GB) at 1:51; 6, J C Robin (Fr, Festina) 2:02. Overall positions: 1, L Armstrong 32hr 51min 42sec; 2, Herve at 1min 58sec; 3, Rominger at 4:59; 4, Robin at 5:52; 5, D Plaza (Sp, Festina) at 5.54

GOLF

ASCOT: Gosen British Professional Tour: Leaders after two rounds: 136: P Sherman (Ashford) 70, 66. 140: N Roderick (unattached) 69, 71; N Brown (Mid-Herts) 70, 70. 142: N Stanford (Saltford) 68, 74. 143: B Dredge (Bryn Meadow) 71, 72. 144: G Howell (Ferndown) 72, 72. 145: D Haines (Isle of Wedmore) 72, 73; W Hewlett (Royal Blackheath) 72, 73; S Vale (Whittington Heath) 73, 72; P Young (Windlesham) 70, 75. 146: K McDonald (Goodwood) 71, 75; A Wall (unattached) 72, 74. 147: N Turley (Kidderminster) 76, 71; S Robertson (Broome Manor) 74, 73.

EQUESTRIANISM

ROYAL WINDSOR HORSE SHOW: Walwyn novice championship (Wednesday): 1, Ramazotti (P Charles) 0 flts, 37.72; 2, Imata (M Whitaker) 0, 41.15; 3, Horme (D Inglis) 0, 41.17.

HOCKEY

IPOH, Malaysia: Sultan Azlan Shah Cup: Australia 4 Holland 0; South Korea 2 Great Britain 0

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Australia	4	3	1	0	17	2	7
South Korea	4	2	2	0	6	2	6
Malaysia	4	2	0	2	8	12	4
Holland	4	1	1	2	2	7	3
India	4	1	0	3	4	7	2
Great Britain	4	1	0	3	4	11	2

ICE HOCKEY

NATIONAL LEAGUE (NHL): Stanley Cup: Play-offs: Semi-finals: Western Conference: St Louis 5 Detroit 4 (Detroit lead best-of-seven series 2-1). Colorado 3 Chicago 2 (series tied 2-2)

RUGBY LEAGUE

MAINE ROAD, MANCHESTER: Challenge match: Wigan 82 Bath 6

BRADFORD: British Students Cup: Final: Leeds University 36 Cardiff Institute 20. Colleges Under-19 Cup: Final: Carmel (St Helens) 19 Wilberforce (Hull) 12

SPEEDWAY

PREMIER LEAGUE: Long Eaton 45 Swindon 51; Poole 40 Cradley Heath and Stoke 56; Hull 52 Belle Vue 43.

TENNIS

ROME: Women's tournament: Second round: I Majoli (Croatia) bt G Leon Garcia (Sp) 6-7, 6-4, 6-4. Third round: C Martinez (Sp) bt S Testud (France) 6-0, 6-1

HAMBURG: Men's tournament: Second round: W Ferreira (SA) bt D Vacek (Cz) 6-2, 6-0; A Boetsch (Fr) bt B Karbacher (Ger) 4-6, 7-5, 7-6; M Larsson (Swe) bt A Berasategui (Sp) 7-6, 5-7, 6-4; C Moya (Sp) bt H Gumy (Arg) 6-4, 6-4; C-U Steeb (Ger) bt G Ivanisevic (Cro) 6-3, 6-4; Y Kafelnikov (Russ) bt S Pescosolido (It) 6-2, 7-6; S Dosedel (Cz) bt C Pioline (Fr) 7-5, 6-1. Third round: G Schaller (Austria) bt B Becker (Ger) 6-2, 6-2; Larsson bt Steeb 6-2, 6-0

LEE-ON-SOLENT: LTA spring satellite tournament (GB unless stated): Men: First round: R Nicklish (Ger) bt J Davidson 6-2, 2-6, 6-3; M Goodarz (Aus) bt M Wyeth 6-1, 6-2; A Richardson bt D Sanders 6-2, 6-2; C Wall bt P Pala (Cz) 7-6, 6-3; G Steenkamp (SA) bt P Hand 7-6, 6-3; R Matheson bt T Schieling (Austria) 6-4, 6-1; N Weal bt M Boulding 6-2, 6-0; G Seffery bt V Sundaran 6-1, 6-3; S Bandermann (Ger) bt D Ward 6-1, 3-6, 6-1; D Draper bt J Barnett 6-7, 6-4, 7-5; J Delgado bt A Parmar 6-3, 6-2. Women: Second round: J Ward bt G Niland (Ire) 7-6, 6-4. Quarter-finals: Ward bt K Cross 6-2, 7-6; M Lamarre (Fr) bt L Ahl 6-2, 6-0; J Choudhury bt J Steck (SA) 1-6, 6-2, 4-0 ret; M Miller bt A Kunmay (Aus) 6-4, 7-5

TODAY'S FIXTURES

FOOTBALL

AVON INSURANCE COMBINATION: First division: Queens Park Rangers v Charlton (at The Valley, Charlton, 2.0); Watford v Brighton (2.0)

PONTINS CENTRAL LEAGUE: Second division: Bradford City v Preston North End (noon); Leicester City v Hull City (7.0)

SCHOOLS MATCH: Heinz Centenary Shield under-18 international: England v Wales (at Luton, 7.15)

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HOVE: Sussex v Warwickshire
SHEFFIELD: Yorkshire v Derbyshire

BAIN HOGG TROPHY (one day): Shenley Park: MCC Young Cricketers v Kent.

RUGBY LEAGUE

Kick-off 7.30

Stones Super League

Oldham v Bradford
Paris Saint-Germain v Leeds

Second division

Barrow v Hunslet

RUGBY UNION

Heineken League

First division

Pontypridd v Cardiff (6.50)

OTHER SPORT

EQUESTRIANISM: Windsor Horse show (Home Park, Windsor).

SPEEDWAY: Premier League: Belle Vue v Bradford (7.30); Oxford v Sheffield (7.30); Peterborough v London. Conference League: Arena Essex v Reading (8.0)

TENNIS: LTA spring satellite tournament (Lee-on-Solent)

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YESTERDAY'S RACING RESULTS

Chester

Going: good

2.10 (5f 16yd) 1, ANTONIA'S CHOICE (K Darley, 5-2); 2, Swift Refusal (C Rutter, 15-2); 3, Danehill Princess (L Dettori, 2-1 fav). ALSO RAN: 13-2 Manhattan Diamond (6th), 7 Dizzy Dancer (5th), 11 Ruby Tuesday (4th), 20 Champagne On Ice. 7 ran. 3l, 2l, 2½l, hd, 2½l. J Berry at Cockerham. Tote: £3.70; £2.20, £2.90. DF: £9.40. CSF: £19.14.

2.40 (1m 2f 75yd) 1, PRIZE GIVING (M Hills, 9-4 fav, Thunderer's nap and Our Newmarket Correspondent's nap); 2, Desert Boy (J Reid, 6-1); 3, West-A-Minute (K Fallon, 8-1). ALSO RAN: 11-4 Tawkil (6th), 8 Bonarelli (5th), Red Robbo, 9 Babinda (4th). 7 ran. ¾l, 2l, 1l, 3½l, 1l. G Wragg at Newmarket. Tote: £2.70; £1.70, £3.50. DF: £14.90. CSF: £15.14.

3.10 (5f 16yd) 1, ANZIO (R Cochrane, 6-1); 2, Lago Di Varano (Dale Gibson, 10-1); 3, Ziggy's Dancer (S D Williams, 6-1). ALSO RAN: 11-4 fav Mr Oscar, 5 Glorious Aragon (6th), 7 Crowded Avenue, 8 Lady Sheriff (4th), 10 Hinton Rock, 16 The Happy Fox (5th), 20 Palacegate Jack, 33 Ashtina. 11 ran. NR: Inherent Magic. Nk, nk, 1l, 1¼l, ½l. Miss G Kelleway at Newmarket. Tote: £5.60; £2.30, £3.20, £1.70. DF: £27.60. Trio: £84.70. CSF: £63.04. Tricast: £360.33.

3.40 (1m 5f 89yd) 1, OSCAR SCHINDLER (M J Kinane, 11-4); 2, Election Day (W Carson, 10-1); 3, Minds Music (Pat Eddery, 2-1 fav). ALSO RAN: 9-2 Dance A Dream (5th), 8 Shambo, 9 Further Flight (6th), 20 Poppy Carew (4th). 7 ran. NR: Spout. 1½l, sh hd, 2½l, nk, ¾l. K Prendergast in Ireland. Tote: £3.10; £1.70, £3.40. DF: £16.00. CSF: £25.82.

4.10 (7f 122yd) 1, HIGHBORN (K Darley, 15-2); 2, Persian Fayre (G Carter, 14-1); 3, Wentbridge Lad (G Hind, 20-1); 4, Chickawicka (T Sprake, 8-1). ALSO RAN: 5-1 fav Samwar, 9 Dawalib, Fame Again, 10 Apollono, Hand Craft, Pengamon (6th), 12 Scharnhorst (5th), 14 Stoppes Brow, 16 Crossillion, 20 Parliament Piece, 25 Elite Hope, Pinkerton's Pal, 33 Little Ibnr, Smart Guest. 18 ran. ¾l, 1¼l, sh hd, sh hd, 1¾l. P Felgate at Lisburn. Tote: £6.40; £2.00, £6.70, £6.10, £2.20. DF: £142.80. Trio: £1,305.20. CSF: £108.25. Tricast: £1,943.45.

4.40 (1m 4f 66yd) 1, ORINOCO RIVER (D Harrison, 9-1); 2, Leading Spirit (Pat Eddery, 11-2); 3, Faha (T Quinn, 5-4 fav). ALSO RAN: 5 Braille, 9 Maple Bay (6th), 10 Ajdar (4th), 12 Horesti, 16 Ela Man Howa, 20 Ambidextrous (5th), 33 Kadari. 10 ran. 4l, sh hd, 8l, 1¾l, 1l. P Chapple-Hyam at Manton. Tote: £15.90; £2.90, £2.00, £1.40. DF: £42.60. Trio: £62.20. CSF: £58.08. Tricast: £98.04.

Jackpot: £17,462.20 (0.2 winning tickets. Pool of £19,875.79 carried forward to Lingfield Park today).

Placepot: £225.00. Quadpot: £44.10.

Brighton

Going: firm

2.20 (5f 59yd) 1, WAIT FOR ROSIE (P P Murphy, 6-4); 2, Joint Venture (M Tebbutt, 5-6 fav); 3, Misty Cay (B Thomson, 20-1). ALSO RAN: 14 Mike's Double (4th). 4 ran. Sh hd, 5l, 8l. M Channon at Upper Lambourn. Tote: £2.40. DF: £1.30. CSF: £2.92.

2.50 (6f 209yd) 1, NO SYMPATHY (Dane O'Neill, 4-1); 2, Velvet Jones (S Whitworth, 12-1); 3, Red Time (R Price, 20-1). ALSO RAN: 13-8 fav Daily Risk (4th), 5 Foreman (5th), 9 Remember Star, 16 Wingnut (6th), 20 Baker, Bear To Dance, 33 May King Mayhem, Simply Seven. 11 ran. 2½l, ½l, 1¼l, 1l, 10l. G L Moore at Epsom. Tote: £4.60; £1.10, £4.00, £2.90. DF: £19.90. Trio: £164.80 (part won; pool of £162.53 carried forward to 3.50 at Lingfield Park today). CSF: £46.49.

3.20 (6f 209yd) 1, PERILOUS PLIGHT (Jean-Pierre Lopez, 16-1); 2, Rocky Waters (P McCabe, 10-1); 3, College Night (M Henry, 3-1 fav). ALSO RAN: 11-2 Risky Romeo, 15-2 Don Pepo (6th), 11 Dancing Lawyer (bd), 12 Crystal Heights, Office Hours, Orange Place (5th), 14 Lancashire Legend, Mr Cube (4th), 25 Napoleon Star, Trapper Norman, 33 Hank-A-Chief. 14 ran. Nk, sh hd, 3l, 5l, ½l. W Muir at Lambourn. Tote: £17.30; £4.70, £2.80, £1.70. DF: £262.40. Trio: £250.40. CSF: £153.80. Tricast: £579.92.

3.50 (1m 3f 196yd) 1, PRINCE DANZIG (Dane O'Neill, 3-1 fav); 2, Uncharted Waters (G Duffield, 6-1); 3, Risky Tu (P McCabe, 5-1). ALSO RAN: 4 Bag Of Tricks, 7 Exhibit Air (6th), 10 Scenic Dancer (5th), 16 Total Rach, 25 Zeliba, 33 Prerogative (4th), Racing Hawk, 50 North To Glory. 11 ran. ½l, hd, 2½l, 1½l, 5l. D Murray Smith at Upper Lambourn. Tote: £4.10; £1.50, £2.50, £1.40. DF: £10.30. Trio: £21.40. CSF: £19.65. Tricast: £78.82.

4.20 (1m 1f 209yd) 1, ROMAN REEL (S Whitworth, 2-1 fav); 2, Araboybill (S Drowne, 12-1); 3, Hang A Right (C Dwyer, 25-1). ALSO RAN: 9-2 Hever Golf Diamond, 5 Autobabble, My Beautiful Dream, 12 Sharp Gazelle (5th), 16 Hartfields Boy, The Little Ferret (4th), 33 Boston Tea Party (6th), Ginka, Jarvey, Red Sky Delight. 13 ran. Sh hd, 13l, ½l, 5l, 3l. G L Moore at Epsom. Tote: £4.00; £2.50, £3.00, £5.60. DF: £8.20. Trio: £60.40. CSF: £26.28.

4.50 (5f 213yd) 1, LORINS GOLD (M Henry, 4-1); 2, Flagstaff (S Whitworth, 7-2); 3, Time For Tea (G Duffield, 5-2 fav). ALSO RAN: 9-2 May Queen Megan (6th), 14 Chief's Lady (4th), Victoria Sioux, 16 Dantean (5th), 20 Nomadic Dancer, 25 Old Gold N Tan. 9 ran. 2l, sh hd, 3l, 2½l, 1½l. A Turnell at Wantage. Tote: £5.00; £1.20, £1.20, £1.30. DF: £12.20. Trio: £8.10. CSF: £17.67. Tricast: £38.15.

Placepot: £100.50. Quadpot: £7.20.

Southwell

Going: standard

2.00 (5f) 1, Fonzy (F Norton, 5-2); 2, Come Too Mamma's (8-13 fav); 3, Komasta (7-1). 5 ran. 1½l, 6l. R Boss. Tote: £4.30; £2.10, £1.10. DF: £1.80. CSF: £4.90.

2.30 (1m) 1, Eagle Canyon (J Stack, 13-2); 2, People Direct (3-1); 3, Princess Pamgaddy (14-1). Bit Of Bother 2-1 fav. 13 ran. NR: Toshtaiya. 1l, 4l. B Hanbury. Tote: £12.00; £3.10, £1.20, £2.50. DF: £28.20. Trio: £143.10. CSF: £29.33.

3.00 (5f) 1, Queens Check (N Connorton, 12-1); 2, My Cherrywell (4-1); 3, Ninety-Five (10-1); 4, Little Saboteur (12-1). Fyors Gift 3-1 fav. 16 ran. NR: Summer Princess. ¾l, 1½l. Miss J Craze. Tote: £23.70; £3.50, £1.10, £4.80, £2.80. DF: £152.40. Trio: £109.80. CSF: £70.36. Tricast: £512.90.

3.30 (7f) 1, Principal Boy (L Charnock, 7-1); 2, Elton Ledger (7-1); 3, Awesome Venture (7-1). Maybank 3-1 fav. 10 ran. Nk, hd. T Etherington. Tote: £6.90; £1.40, £2.10, £2.60. DF: £31.20. Trio: £24.40. CSF: £57.44. Tricast: £348.10.

4.00 (6f) 1, Klipspinger (J Stack, 20-1); 2, Sea Devil (4-1); 3, Our Shadee (9-2). Niteowl Raider 11-4 fav. 15 ran. 3l, ¾l. B Rothwell. Tote: £180.00; £28.10, £2.70, £3.30. DF: £582.00. Trio: not won (pool of £121.62 carried forward to 3.50 at Lingfield Park today). CSF: £108.58.

4.30 (1m 4f) 1, Cuban Nights (A Clark, 9-1); 2, Jean De Florette (10-1); 3, Tempering (5-1). Tiger Shoot 7-2 fav. 14 ran. 3½l, ½l. B Llewellyn. Tote: £18.00; £5.50, £3.00, £1.10. DF: £54.00. Trio: £125.40 (part won; pool of £141.31 carried forward to 3.50 at Lingfield Park today). CSF: £102.34. Tricast: £482.08.

Placepot: £33.10. Quadpot: £10.60.

☐ Cayman Kai, Gothenberg, Kahir Almaydan, Don Micheletto, Tagula and possibly Danehill Dancer will form a strong British challenge for the group one Poule d'Essai des Poulains (French 2,000 Guineas) at Longchamp on Sunday.

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Prize Giving joins list of recent winners to slip through classic net

Absentees put Derby status on trial

BY RICHARD EVANS
RACING CORRESPONDENT

HUGH ROUTLEDGE

Prize Giving, noseband, provided Wragg with his third Dee Stakes success in four years at Chester yesterday

THE so-called classic trials are in danger of contravening the Trade Descriptions Act after Prize Giving yesterday became the latest big-race winner not to have a classic *engagement*.

Geoff Wragg pulled his colt out of the Derby *at the most* recent forfeit stage only to see him justify favouritism in the Dee Stakes at Chester yesterday, and underline why he *should be in the* Epsom line-up next month.

The reputation of British racing will be harmed if the best horses continue to be missing from the classics and this season the absentees are significant. Thrilling Day won the Nell Gwyn Stakes at Newmarket but could not run in the 1,000 Guineas because *she had not been entered.* Similarly, Santillana, the Thresher Classic Trial winner, and High Baroque, winner of the Chester Vase on Tuesday, *are not in the Derby.*

The damaging effect of big-race winners missing classics was underlined 12 months ago when Pentire, also trained by Wragg, won the Dee Stakes but missed Epsom because he did not hold an entry. By the end of the season he had proved himself an outstanding middle-distance horse — *second only to Lammtarra.*

I am convinced there is a simple solution to prevent a repetition of this embarrassing scenario in the future and, having floated the idea with trainers, racing officials and bookmakers at Chester this week, I hope the British Horseracing Board (BHB) and the Racecourse Association *will give it serious* consideration.

Quite simply, the winner of recognised trials should gain automatic entry to the intended classic. A similar safety-net procedure is used in other countries — notably in Australia for the Melbourne Cup — to ensure the best horses line up for the best races and it would be simple to write into the conditions of the main classic trials.

The automatic qualification principle could be extended to National Hunt racing to avoid a repetition of this year when Killeshin was precluded from entry to the Grand National despite winning the Eider Chase at Newcastle.

John Gosden supported the idea, describing it as "excellent", and yesterday Mike Dillon of Ladbrokes gave it his full backing. "It would help the profile of the big races if people knew that the best horses were not going to be *missing. It would turn a* negative into a positive.

"Publicity is all important for the Derby and it is stunted every time a horse wins a big trial and is not entered for the race. If winners of the big trials gained automatic qualification it would also stimulate the betting market. At the moment it is almost uncanny how the best trials are won by *horses not in the main event.*"

If racecourses are fearful of the potential effects on the number of early entries — and I believe such fears are unfounded — they could stipulate the connections of a classic trial winner pay an entry fee equivalent to that paid at the most recent forfeit stage.

Ironically, Wragg was saddling the winner of the Dee Stakes for the third time in four years and all three — including Beneficial in 1993 — *did not hold* an Epsom entry.

In keeping with many in racing, Wragg believes the idea of a Derby entry "wild card", which would see one horse *without* an entry allowed into the race, to be totally unworkable.

"You could have three or four horses worthy of being given a wild card. Who would you pick? All you need to do is have a supplementary entry ten days before the race with an entry fee of £40,000 or £50,000.

Wragg added: "The problem is that the conditions of a race are not regulated by the BHB, but by the racecourses, so there is *no* policy on supplementary entries."

RICHARD EVANS

Nap: STRATEGIC PLOY
(3.30 Beverley)
Next best: Yeast
(4.50 Lingfield Park)

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Carl Evans: 6.25 King's Treasure.

GOING: GOOD TO FIRM (GOOD IN PLACES) SIS

6.00 BROCKLESBY NATIONAL HUNT NOVICES HURDLE (£3,164: 2m 1f 110yd) (11 runners)

1 00 BEACON FLIGHT 45 B De Haan 5-11-3 J Railton
2 00- BROWN AND MILD 368 John Berry 5-11-3 I Lawrence
3 50-P CHUCKLES 4 Miss D Smith 6-11-3 Mr K Green
4 2-2F GRUNDON 14 (B) Mrs L Taylor 7-11-3 R Supple
5 0450 HIGHBEATH 77 Mrs M Reveley 5-11-3 P Niven
6 2650 PEGASUS BAY 39 W Haigh 5-11-3 R Garritty
7 *SHIRLEY'S TIME Mrs J Brown 5-11-3 M Dwyer*
8 466 SILENT GUNS 155 C Egerton 7-11-3 J A McCarthy
9 /PP *PIXTON POPPY 7 W Clay 6-10-12 Guy Lewis (3)*
10 3420 POPLIN 181 J Wharton 5-10-12 B Dalton
11 P030 *CRAMBELLA 31 G Kelly 4-10-7 Mr P Murray (7)*

5-2 Highbeath, 4-1 Grundon, 5-1 Silent Guns, 6-1 Pegasus Bay, 7-1 Crambella, 8-1 Poplin, 10-1 Beacon Flight, 12-1 others.

6.25 GEOSTAR NOVICES HUNTERS CHASE (Amateurs: £2,008: 2m 6f 110yd) (11)

1 4U52 JUST JACK 12P (F,G,S) P Jonason 10-12-7 S Andrews (3)
2 U221 KING'S TREASURE 9 (F,G,S) I Balding 7-12-4 A Balding (7)
3 P1FP *CARLY BRRIN 10 (F,G,S) Mrs Bockley 11-12-0 Miss P Robson (7)*
4 3F31 FETTLE UP 32P (BF,G) Miss S Brotherton 8-12-0 Miss S Brotherton (7)
5 F122 GOLDEN MOSS 27P (F,G,S) C Cottingham 11-12-0 S Robinson (7)
6 1323 GOLDEN SAVANNAH 13P (G) M Sowersby 6-12-0 M Sowersby (7)
7 F15P MASTER CROZINA 13P (F) J Cornforth 8-12-0 P Cornforth (7)
8 5R62 MCCARTNEY 12P (S) R Green 10-12-0 K Green (7)
9 F32P OSGATHORPE 13P (F,G) R Tate 9-12-0 Mrs F Needham (7)
10 U55P R N COMMANDER 25 (B,G) J Cornwall 10-12-0 *J R Cornwall (7)*
11 FP4U SHILDON 13P C Wilson 8-12-0 W Burnell (7)

6-4 King's Treasure, 9-2 Golden Savannah, 6-1 Golden Moss, 7-1 others.

6.55 BURTON SELLING HANDICAP HURDLE (£1,933: 2m 3f 110yd) (11)

1 3232 WHITEBONNET 7 (B,BF,S) C Egerton 6-12-0 J A McCarthy
2 3500 BANANA COVE 13 (F) W Clay 5-11-13 Guy Lewis (3)
3 0432 *TIFASI 10 (B,G) John Berry 6-11-7 J Lawrence*
4 6363 CROMABOO CROWN 13 P Bevan 5-11-2 W Worthington
5 50U5 SILVER BIRD 9 M Ryan 4-10-13 J Ryan
6 2400 PRAIRIE GROVE 14 Miss H Knight 6-10-12 Mr J Culloty (3)
7 3062 LOFTY DEED 32 (S) W Musson 6-10-11 K Gaule (3)
8 UP04 WILLERFOSS 24 (B) B Rothwell 6-10-4 M Moloney
9 53P0 QUICK DECISION 142 J Cresswell 5-10-1 R Massey (5)
10 04PP SURGICAL SPIRIT 29 (B) J Poulton 6-10-0 L O'Hara
11 0P00 NITE SPRITE 7 R Barr 6-10-0 N Smith

11-4 Tifasi, 3-1 Whitebonnet, 4-1 Lofty Deed, 6-1 Banana Cove, 7-1 Willerfoss, 8-1 Prairie Grove 10-1 Cromaboo Crown, 12-1 others

7.25 THEODORE WEST MEMORIAL HANDICAP CHASE (£3,948. 2m 1f 110yd) (7) SKY

1 P501 BALLY PARSON 32 (CD,F,G) R Dickin 10-11-10 Mr J Culloty (3)
2 1068 SHREWD JOHN 25 (CD,F,G) R Woodhouse 10-11-4 M Dwyer
3 2411 DEAR DO 21 (F,G,S) N Henderson 9-10-13 M A Fitzgerald
4 4545 RODEO STAR 21 (F,G,S) N Tinkler 10-10-9 J Railton
5 *1P13 SPINNING STEEL 23 (F,G) F Rodford 9-10-9 S Burrough*
6 P1-U DJEBEL PRINCE 34 (G,S) C Egerton 9-10-3 – –
7 0/P5 MASTER SALESMAN 32 (CD,F,G) Mrs V Ward 13-10-0 D Parker (3)

7-4 Dear Do, 3-1 Bally Parson, 9-2 Spinning Steel, 7-1 Rodeo Star, 9-1 Shrewd John, 10-1 Djebel Prince, 12-1 Master Salesman

7.55 R W MARSH NOVICES HANDICAP CHASE (£3,355: 2m 6f 110yd) (9) SKY

1 1P4B TRICKSOME 52 (F,G,S) Miss H Knight 3-11-11 Mr J Culloty (3)
2 2456 FINAL BEAT 32 J Curtis 7-11-4 A S Smith
3 F4F6 AIRTRAK 14 (B,F) N Henderson 7-11-0 M A Fitzgerald
4 3F2U THE GALLOPIN'MAJOR 7 Mrs M Reveley 6-10-11 P Niven
5 44F6 GORBY'S MYTH 13 (G) J Leigh 6-10-9 K Gaule (3)
6 5660 BALAAT 20 (F) M Chapman 8-10-8 W Worthington
7 5020 *SAME DIFFERENCE 30 (F,G,S) A Jarvis 8-10-6 C Davies (7)*
8 PPUU JAYSMITH 14 (F,G) J Poulton 10-10-0 L O'Hara
9 6142 JUST CHARLIE 13P (F,G) M W Easterby 7-10-0 – –

7-2 Final Beat 4-1 Tricksome 5-1 Airtrak Gorby's Myth 7-1 The Gallopin'major 8-1 Same Difference. 10-1 Just Charlie. 12-1 others.

8.25 SOUTH WOLD STANDARD OPEN NATIONAL HUNT FLAT RACE (£1,438: 1m 5f 110yd) (20) SKY

1 41 KING PIN 13 (G) P Beaumont 4-11-5 F Leahy (3)
2 3 CAST OF THOUSANDS 13 C Egerton 5-11-5 J A McCarthy
3 *05 DAN DE MAN 13 Miss L Siddall 5-11-3 A Larnach (3)*
4 DOUGAL B Rothwell 5-11-3 R Supple
5 SEYMOUR'S DOUBLE Mrs A Hewitt 5-11-3 S Wynne
6 02 SUAS LEAT 13 J Jefferson 6-11-3 M Newton (7)
7 *0 WELSH LOOT 50 S Sherwood 5-11-3 G Upton*
8 BARTON BLADE A Jarvis 4-10-12 W Marston
9 5 GAME DRIVE 14 K Morgan 4-10-12 R Massey (5)
10 MR BLUE S Harris 4-10-12 Mr P Murray (7)
11 OUSEFLEET BOY B Wilkinson 4-10-12 B Harding
12 D PEREX 13 T Carr 5-10-12 Mr C Mulhall
13 23 PRIMITIVE HEART 25 (BF) H Johnson 4-10-12 M A Fitzgerald
14 *ROCKET RON D Brennan 4-10-12 M Brennan*
15 STRIKE A LIGHT Miss H Knight 4-10-12 J F Titley
16 MINIDIA A J Wilson 4-10-7 P Crowley (7)
17 NIFAAF K Morgan 4-10-7 A S Smith
18 *PENNY PEPPERMINT R Barr 4-10-7 N Smith*
19 PETIT FLORA G Holmes 4-10-7 R Garritty
20 SUFFOLK GIRL Mrs M Reveley 4-10-7 P Niven

7-2 King Pin, 4-1 Strike A Light, 5-1 Suffolk Girl, 6-1 Primitive Heart 7-1 Suas Leat 8-1 Welsh Loot, 10-1 Nifaaf, 12-1 others.

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS: Miss H Knight, 8 winners from 20 runners, 40.0%; N Henderson, 3 from 8, 37.5%; J Jefferson, 8 from 31, 25.8%; N Tinkler, 18 from 76, 23.7%; Mrs M Reveley, 19 from 81, 23.5%; C Egerton, 3 from 14, 21.4%.

JOCKEYS: Mr J Culloty, 4 winners from 9 rides, 44.4%; J Titley, 5 *from 16, 31.3%; G Upton, 3 from 11, 27.3%; P Niven 22 from 107,* 20.6%; S Wynne, 3 from 17, 17.6%; M Dwyer, 16 from 96, 16.7%; R Garritty, 9 from 81, 11.1%.

STRATFORD

THUNDERER
6.15 Nemuro. 6.40 Swing Quartet. 7.10 Conti D'Estruval. 7.40 Indian Jockey. 8.10 Zam Bee. 8.40 Mason.

Carl Evans: 8.10 Zam Bee.

GOING. GOOD TO FIRM SIS

6.15 RICHARDSONS OLDBURY NOVICES CHASE (£4,314: 2m 5f 110yd) (3 runners)

1 2341 BERTONE 4 (F,G) K Bailey 7-11-8 R Dunwoody
2 3431 FOOLS ERRAND 17 (S) G Balding 6-11-8 A P McCoy
3 51F1 *NEMURO 20 (B,F,G,S) D Elsworth 8-11-8* P Hide

5-4 Bertone, 6-4 Nemuro, 3-1 Fools Errand.

6.40 PRAGNELL TROPHY (Novices hurdle: £2,584: 2m 6f 110yd) (8)

1 2612 POTTER'S BAY 22 (BF,G) D Nicholson 7-11-6 R Johnson
2 05P5 SWING QUARTET 13 (CD,G) N Twiston-Davies 6-11-1 C Llewellyn
3 0653 AN SPAILPIN FANACH 13 (V) M McCormack 7-11-0 A Thornton
4 0P CAMDEN WAY 111 M Wilkinson 6-11-0 R Farrant
5 -00U *FRAZER NASH 58 A Jones 5-11-0* S McNeill
6 500 MOONLIGHTER 17 C Jackson 6-10-9 W Humphreys
7 FP33 SIGHT'N SOUND 10 (V) D Elsworth 5-10-9 A Procter
8 PP24 FANTASTIC FLEET 23 (S) Miss J Doyle 4-10-7 S Curran

6-4 Potter's Bay, 7-2 Swing Quartet, 9-2 Fantastic Fleet, Sight'N Sound, 6-1 An Spailpin Fanach, 16-1 Moonlighter, 20-1 others

7.10 RICHARDSONS DEVELOPMENTS HANDICAP CHASE (£6,913: 2m 5f 110yd) (5) SKY

1 4U41 BAVARD DIEU 13 (F,G,S) N Gaselee 8-12-0 C Llewellyn
2 *2323 GLEMOT 154 (C,D,BF,F,G,S) K Bailey 8-11-11* R Dunwoody
3 1111 CONTI D'ESTRUVAL 20 (C,D,F,G) G Balding 6-11-4 *A P McCoy*
4 10P5 CROSULA 13 (D,F,G,S) M Pipe 8-11-0 D Bridgwater
5 U-6F SYDNEY BARRY 9 (F,G) R Buckler 11-10-0 B Powell

5-4 Conti D'Estruval, 2-1 Bavard Dieu, 4-1 Glemot, 8-1 Crosula, 12-1 Sydney Barry

7.40 NEEDHAM & JAMES HANDICAP HURDLE (£2,960: 2m 110yd) (8) SKY

1 */03- COOLEY'S VALVE 420 (D,F) Mrs S Williams 8-11-12* S McNeill
2 0205 SIMPLY 38 (D,BF,F,G,S) T McGovern 7-11-10 D Finnegan (7)
3 55-6 ROUTING 323 (F) N Ayliffe 8-11-6 R Guest
4 12-0 VISION OF FREEDOM 13 (F,G) S Cole 8-11-2 A P McCoy
5 2F5P NAGOBELIA 32 (D,F,G,S) *J Pearce 8-11-0* R Dunwoody
6 5551 INDIAN JOCKEY 32 (F) M Pipe 4-11-0 D Bridgwater
7 1546 ERLKING 13 (B,D,G) S Mellor 6-10-10 N Mann
8 3061 GENERAL JIMBO 32 (V,D,F) A Harrison 4-10-0 R Farrant

9-4 Indian Jockey 7-2 Simply, 4-1 General Jimbo, 6-1 Erlking 7-1 Vision Of Freedom, 8-1 Cooley's Valve, 12-1 others.

8.10 JOHN AND NIGEL THORNE MEMORIAL CUP (Hunters chase: amateurs: £2,024. 3m) (6) SKY

1 -P24 GAY RUFFIAN 20P (G,S) Mrs D Dyson 10-12-0 Miss C Dyson (7)
2 3662 PACO'S BOY 6P (B,D,F,G,S) R York 11-12-0 P York (7)
3 6242 SIMPLY PERFECT 10 (G) J Swindells 10-12-0 Miss S Swindells (7)
4 -UP1 WHAT A TO DO 4P (D,F,S) C Sweeting 12-12-0 R Sweeting (7)
5 13R3 WREKIN HILL 12P (D,G,S) Mrs J Wilkinson 14-12-0 *Mrs J Wilkinson (7)*
6 1122 ZAM BEE 20P (F,G,S) Mrs A Bell 10-12-0 N M Bell (7)

2-1 Zam Bee, 5-2 What A To Do, 9-2 Simply Perfect, 5-1 Gay Ruffian 6-1 Paco's Boy, 14-1 Wrekin Hill

8.40 RICHARDSONS NOVICES HANDICAP HURDLE (£2,598: 2m 110yd) (16) SKY

1 5023 ROLFE 7 (B,BF) D Nicholson 6-11-13 R Johnson
2 F635 FERRUFINO 151 (D,F) P Rich 8-11-11 Mr A Wintle (7)
3 61 MADAME PRESIDENT 52 (F) C Nash 5-11-2 C Maude
4 1P3P ARAMON 38 (D,F,G) M Haynes 6-11-1 D Skyrme
5 0-00 BLESSED MEMORY 45 R Dickin 5-10-13 *R Bellamy*
6 8005 DESERT CHALLENGER 32 (B) J Jenkins 6-10-9 S Fox
7 6532 VALISKY 41 R Lee 6-10-8 C Llewellyn
8 *14FP WEST ORIENT 14 (F,G) D O Neill 11-10-8* J R Kavanagh
9 PP0- BETABETCORBETT 471F B Baugh 5-10-6 Gary Lyons
10 P001 MASON 13 (G) S Mellor 4-10-6 Chris Webb (5)
11 U458 NEEDWOOD NATIVE 120 A J Wilson 8-10-3 L Harvey
12 5535 PLINTH 31 (BF) N Graham 5-10-3 A P McCoy
13 P350 LITTLE TINCTURE 52 (B) Mrs T McInnes Skinner 6-10-0 Sophie Mitchell (5)
14 *060 PRINCE OF SPADES 42 F Jordan 4-10-0* J Lodder
15 P0P0 RED CHANNEL 10 T Casey 6-10-0 B Fenton (3)
16 004 NOBBY NORTH 30 G Thorner 4-10-0 G Supple (7)

4-1 Rolfe, 9-2 Madame President, 5-1 Mason, 7-1 Valisky, 8-1 Plinth Needwood native 10-1 Aramon, 12-1 West Orient 14-1 others.

RACELINE
0930 168+ COMMENTARY RESULTS
BEVERLEY 101 201
CARLISLE 102 202
LINGFIELD 103 203
STRATFORD 104 204
MKT RASEN 105 205
FULL RESULTS SERVICE 168

Apprentice escapes injury

GABRIEL HANNON, the apprentice, and Dancing Lawyer, trained by Brian Meehan, were fortunate to escape unscathed from a nasty *fall in the Brighton* Festival Handicap yesterday. Horse and rider plunged through the rails just before the two-furlong marker.

However, a stewards' inquiry found no-one was to blame. The stewards ruled that College Night had interfered with Office Hours, who in turn interfered with Lancashire Legend, which resulted in Dancing Lawyer's fall, but they considered the interference was accidental.

BEVERLEY

THUNDERER
2.30 Irish Fiction. 3.00 Pigeon Hole. 3.30 Strategic Ploy. 4.00 North Song. 4.30 Alpine Time. 5.00 *Westcourt Princess.*

Our Newmarket Correspondent: 4.00 North Song. 4.30 Alpine Time.

GOING: GOOD TO FIRM SIS
DRAW: 5F, LOW NUMBERS BEST

2.30 LUND CLAIMING STAKES (2-Y-O: £2,798: 5f) (7 runners)

1 (6) 01 FOR OLD TIMES SAKE 11 (D,G) J Berry 9-10 G Carter 98
2 (4) 2234 IRISH FICTION 10 (BF) M Channon 9-8 Paul Eddery ●
3 (1) 4511 MILL END GIRL 16 (D,F,G) M W Easterby 9-7 G Parkin (5) 91
4 (3) 101 LAWFUL FIND 13 (D,G) R Hollinshead 8-6 F Lynch (5) 89
5 (2) 04 NATTIE 32 A Newcombe 8-4 W Ryan 74
6 (5) 00 LOCH-HURN LADY 4 K Hogg 8-2 N Kennedy –
7 (7) SHANDANA P Haslam 8-2 P Fessey (5) –

5-4 For Old Times Sake, 5-2 Irish Fiction, 7-2 Lawful Find, 4-1 Mill End Girl, 10-1 Shandana, 16-1 Nattie, 50-1 Loch-Hurn Lady

3.00 HOUGHTON MAIDEN STAKES (3-Y-O: £3,977: 5f) (13)

1 (2) 0- GOLDRILL 239 Miss S Hall 9-0 N Connorton –
2 (5) 3- MANOLO 387 J Berry 9-0 G Carter 72
3 (9) 2-45 SIHAFI 36 E Dunlop 9-0 W Carson 83
4 (13) 2 SPEED ON 27 H Candy 9-0 *C Rutter* ●
5 (6) 0 AMELIAJILL 27 J O Shea 8-9 F Lynch (5) –
6 (10) 0-0 FERNWAY 15 R Whitaker 8-9 A Culhane –
7 (7) 0 GORMIRE 15 J Hetherton 8-9 N Kennedy 85
8 (8) 0 MATAM 10 M W Easterby 8-9 G Parkin (5) –
9 (12) 0 MYSTIC MAID 17 J Watts 8-9 L Dettori –
10 (11) NATTIER M Prescott 8-9 R Perham –
11 (4) 25-3 OMARA 24 (BF) H Cecil 8-9 W Ryan 91
12 (3) PETARINA Miss J Craze 8-9 D Wright (3) –
13 (1) 0-0 PIGEON HOLE 17 R Hannon 8-9 Dane O'Neill (3) 72

6-4 Omara, 3-1 Speed On, 5-1 Sihafi, 6-1 Gormire, 8-1 Manolo, Nattier 16-1 others.

3.30 MIDLAND BANK BRITISH OLYMPIC APPEAL HANDICAP (£3,527: 1m 3f 216yd) (12)

1 (11) 5150 FORZAIR 20 (D,G) J J O'Neill 4-9-10 J F Egan 97
2 (4) 0254 ANCHORENA 15 J A Harris 4-9-8 L Dettori 98
3 (12) -603 RIVAL QUEEN 39 M Hammond 4-9-6 W Ryan –
4 (6) -062 NEVER TIME 41 Mrs V Aconley 4-8-7 N Carlisle 96
5 (1) 30-0 WESTERN HORIZON 15 C Brittain 4-8-5 M Baird (5) 95
6 (8) -004 STRATEGIC PLOY 15 Mrs J Ramsden 3-8-5 M Deering 96
7 (2) -000 GLENVALLY 32 (V,G) B Murray 5-8-2 F Lynch (5) 90
8 (3) 400- CAMPASPE 296 J Fitzgerald 4-8-2 Dane O'Neill (3) –
9 (5) 0600 ROSE CHIME 15 (F) J L Harris 4-8-0 P Fessey (5) 88
10 (10) 3-02 GOLD DESIRE 36 (G,S) M Brittain 6-7-12 D Wright (3) ●
11 (7) 0/0- DISPOL DANCER 776 Mrs V Aconley 5-7-10 N Kennedy –
12 (9) 0-05 NORTHERN CLAN 15 M W Easterby 3-7-10 R Mullen (7) 93

2-1 Strategic Ploy 7-2 Anchorena Gold Desire, 8-1 Never Time, 10-1 Campaspe, 12-1 Forzair 14-1 others

4.00 EVERINGHAM MEDIAN AUCTION MAIDEN STAKES (3-Y-O: £3,127: 1m 1f 207yd) (7)

1 (2) 3 BLURRED 23 M Tompkins 9-0 N Day 86
2 (3) 0 LATIN LOVER 22 M Camacho 9-0 N Connorton –
3 (6) 0 MILETRIAN FIT-OUT 13 C Brittain 9-0 W Hollick 83
4 (7) 2 NORTH SONG 36 J Gosden 9-0 L Dettori ●
5 (1) 0 PENYGARN GUV'NOR 22 J Glover 9-0 G Carter 70
6 (4) 55-0 SERENDIPITY 32 (BF) J Dunlop 9-0 W Carson 92
7 (5) 0- HOT DOGGING 234 Mrs P Sly 8-9 A Culhane –

4-6 North Song, 9-4 Serendipity, 7-2 Blurred, 33-1 Penygarn Guv'nor, 50-1 Hot Dogging, 66-1 Miletrian Fit-Out, Latin Lover

4.30 EBF RIDINGS MEDIAN AUCTION MAIDEN STAKES (2-Y-O: £3,782: 5f) (8)

1 (3) BRAWLING SPRINGS *M W Easterby 9-0 G Parkin (5)* –
2 (6) COLONEL'S PRIDE R Whitaker 9-0 A Culhane –
3 (8) GOING FOR BROKE P Haslam 9-0 G Carter –
4 (5) 32 SPONDULICKS 34 (BF) R Hannon 9-0 Dane O'Neill (3) ●
5 (4) ALPINE TIME D Loder 8-9 L Dettori –
6 (2) AYBEEGIRL *Mrs J Cecil 8-9* Paul Eddery –
7 (7) 5 EMILYJILL 27 J O'Shea 8-9 F Lynch (5) 79
8 (1) 0 GIPSY PRINCESS 6 M W Easterby 8-9 J F Egan 82

5-4 Alpine Time, 2-1 Spondulicks, 4-1 Aybeegirl, 8-1 Brawling Springs, 14-1 Going For Broke, 20-1 others.

5.00 HUMBERSIDE APPRENTICES HANDICAP (£3,113: 1m 100yd) (17)

1 (16) 1000 SUVALU 11 (D,G) M Meagher 4-10-0 R Studholme (5) 87
2 (1) 0000 TALENTED TING 29 (D,F,G) P Haslam 7-9-7 *Carol Davison (5)* 93
3 (14) /0-0 SILVER SLEEVE 10 (B) M Hammond 4-9-1 G Faulkner (5) –
4 (10) 0600 CEE-JAY-AY 11 (C,D,F,G,S) J Berry 9-9-0 Jo Webster (5) 95
5 (4) 0-00 COMMANDER GLEN 25 (D,F) *Mrs J Ramsden 4-8-12* T Finn (5) 93
6 (2) 45-0 THATCHED 21 (D,F) R Barr 6-8-11 P Fessey (8) 92
7 (5) -060 MURPHY'S GOLD 9 (CD,F) R Fahey 5-8-11 R Ffrench (5) 97
8 *(11) 0-40 WESTCOURT PRINCESS 15 (B,C,F) M W Easterby 4-8-11* G Parkin (5) 96
9 (17) 00-6 LEGAL BRIEF 15 (V) J Wainwright 4-8-5 Dane O'Neill ●
10 (6) 600- EURO SCEPTIC 199 (B,C,F,G) T Easterby 4-8-4 F Lynch (3) 92
11 (13) 0-00 SEA-AYR 21 (C,D,F) Mrs S Austin 6-8-4 Darren Moffatt 89
12 (15) /-00 COMEDY RIVER 11 (G) N Berry 9-8-2 A Eddery (5) 88
13 (9) 22-0 HABETA 13 (CD,F,G) J Watts 10-7-13 C Teague (3) 85
14 *(12) 0060 ARECIBO 4J J Parkes 4-7-10* P Doe (5) 90
15 (3) 00-0 GREY KINGDOM 31 M Brittain 5-7-10 D Wright –
16 (7) 040- MARY MACBLAIN 144 (D,F) J L Harris 7-7-10 R Mullen (5) 86
17 (8) 06-0 NEWGATE HUSH 81 B Murray 4-7-10 Iona Wands (5) –

9-2 Westcourt Princess, 5-1 Euro Sceptic, 6-1 Comedy River, 7-1 Commander Glen, 8-1 Legal Brief 10-1 Habeta, Talented Ting. 12-1 others.

COURSE SPECIALISTS

BEVERLEY: Trainers: D Loder, 13 winners from 23 runners, 56.5%; R Hannon, 5 from 12, 41.7%; H Cecil, 13 from 34, 38.2%; J Gosden, 4 from 14, 28.6%; J Watts, 10 from 38, 26.3%; R Fahey, 3 from 13, 23.1%. Jockeys: W Carson, 21 winners from 68 rides, 30.9%; L Dettori, 12 from 52, 23.1%; W Ryan, 12 from 64, 18.8%; Paul Eddery, 6 from 47, 12.8%; A Culhane, 10 from 85, 11.8%.

CARLISLE: Trainers: M Channon, 9 winners from 15 runners, 60.0%; M Prescott, 12 from 25, 48.0%; Mrs J Ramsden, 12 from 41, 29.3%; Mrs M Reveley, 16 from 66, 24.2%; E Weymes, 4 from 19, 21.1%; J Berry, 16 from 86, 18.6%. Jockeys: G Duffield, 19 winners from 68 rides, *27.9%; J Carroll, 14 from 79, 17.7%; K Darley, 18 from 104,* 17.3%; J Weaver, 7 from 42, 16.7%; K Fallon, 11 from 76, 14.5%.

STRATFORD: Trainers: M Pipe, 26 winners from 97 runners, 26.8%; D Nicholson, 12 from 59, 20.3%; G Balding, 12 from 63, 19%; K Bailey, 13 from 71, 18.3%; R Lee, 4 from 22, 18.2%; N Twiston-Davies, 10 from 62, 16.1%. Jockeys: C Llewellyn, 14 winners from 68 rides, 20.6%; R Dunwoody, 18 from 94, 19.1%; A P McCoy, 8 from 47, 17%; S Curran, 5 from 35, 14.3%; R Johnson, 3 from 21, 14.3%; S McNeill, 9 from 72, 12.5%.

CARLISLE

THUNDERER
2.10 Recondite. 2.40 Tenor. 3.10 Barato. 3.40 Regal Fanfare. 4.10 Mister Woodstick. 4.40 Palacegate *Touch. 5.10 Zamhareer.*

Our Newmarket Correspondent:
4.10 **SOLDIER MAK** (nap).

GOING: GOOD (GOOD TO FIRM IN PLACES) SIS
DRAW: 5F-7F 214YD, HIGH NUMBERS BEST

2.10 EBF CALDEW MAIDEN STAKES (2-Y-O: £3,794: 5f) (6 runners)

1 *BARNBURGH BOY J Berry 9-0 J Carroll 4*
2 FLOTILLA M Prescott 9-0 G Duffield 5
3 IMPULSIF D ffrench Davis 9-0 J Weaver 2
4 06 PANDICULATION 10 E Weymes 9-0 J Quinn 1
5 2 RECONDITE 14 M Channon 9-0 K Darley 6
6 RED ROMANCE Denys Smith 9-0 K Fallon 3

10-11 Recondite, 4-1 Barnburgh Boy, 9-2 Flotilla, 8-1 Red Romance, 12-1 *Impulsif, 16-1 Pandiculation.*

2.40 IRTHING LIMITED STAKES (£2,647: 5f) (13)

1 3011 JUST BOB 2 (CD,F,G,S) S Kettlewell 7-9-9 J Fortune 7
2 5401 ROCKCRACKER 4 (B,F) G Margarson 4-9-6 P Bloomfield 12
3 *3200 TENOR 8 (D,G) D Nicholls 5-9-6 M Tebbutt 8*
4 050- KUNG FRODE 204 (D,G) B McMahon 4-9-3 K Darley 4
5 300- METAL BOYS 188 (CD,F,G,S) Miss L Siddall 9-9-3 D Harrison 5
6 -003 RINUS MANOR 7 E Alston 5-9-3 S D Williams 11
7 0-05 SIX FOR LUCK 25 (D,F) D Nolan 4-9-3 N Varley (3) 9
8 -000 FOLLOWMEGIRLS 14 (B,D,F,G,S) Mrs A King 7-9-0 J Quinn 6
9 -063 FINISTERRE 8 J J O'Neill 3-8-8 K Fallon 1
10 0-41 LIMERICK PRINCESS 8 (D,G) J Berry 3-8-8 J Carroll 2
11 0-40 APRIL'S JOY 31 (CD,F) J Norton 3-8-5 Dale Gibson 10
12 2-32 PRIDE OF WHALLEY 10 (BF) R Fahey 3-8-5 M Birch 13
13 60-0 STATIC LOVE 18 H Akbary 3-8-5 D McKeown 3

4-1 *Just Bob, 9-2 Limerick Princess,* 5-1 Rockcracker, 6-1 Tenor, 8-1 *Pride Of* Whalley, 10-1 Kung Frode, 12-1 Rinus Manor, 14-1 others

3.10 BORDER ESK HANDICAP (£3,078: 5f 207yd) (13)

1 00-4 SELHURSTPARK FLYER 21 (F,S) J Berry 5-10-0 P Roberts (5) 11
2 0-23 MISTER WESTSOUND 4 (B,D,F) Miss L Perratt 4-9-9 G Duffield 9
3 3030 BARATO 14 (V,D,F,G) Mrs J Ramsden 5-9-7 K Fallon 1
4 0000 BIRCHWOOD SUN 8 (B,CD,F,G,S) M Dods 6-9-4 J Weaver 10
5 3206 HI ROCK 77 (D,F) J Norton 4-9-1 Dale Gibson 12
6 0-06 BLOW DRY 8 (D,F,S) M Wane 6-8-12 K Darley 5
7 000- MISS ARAGON 219 (CD,F,G) Miss L Siddall 8-8-11 D Harrison 3
8 60-0 DOMINELLE 8 (C,D,F) T Easterby 4-8-7 M Birch 2
9 0-00 DENSBEN 14 (C,D,F,G,S) Denys Smith 12-8-7 J Quinn 8
10 030- GONDO 200 (V,CD,F,G,S) E Alston 9-8-3 S D Williams 4
11 -020 MU-ARRIK 8 (V,D,F,G) G Oldroyd 8-8-2 Martin Dwyer (7) 13
12 -443 *SONDERISE 14 (D,G,S) N Tinkler 7-8-2 J Fortune 7*
13 00-0 TUTU SIXTYSIX 10 (C,F,G) E Incisa 5-7-10 Kim Tinkler 6

7-2 Mister Westsound, 4-1 Selhurstpark Flyer, 9-2 Barato, 8-1 Sonderise, 10-1 Mu-Arrik, Dominelle, 12-1 Gondo, 14-1 others

3.40 DERWENT CLAIMING STAKES (Div I: £2,283: 6f 206yd) (10)

1 4365 FIRST GOLD 4 (B,D,F,G,S) J Wharton 7-9-5 K Fallon 10
2 -201 PROUD IMAGE 14 (V,CD,F,S) A Jarvis 4-9-5 J Tate 2
3 -020 THWAAB 4 F Watson 4-9-5 J Weaver 1
4 400- SIMAND 160 (CD,F,G) G Moore 4-9-4 J Fortune 7
5 -501 DIET 25 (V,D,F,G,S) Miss L Perratt 10-9-2 G Duffield 8
6 *60-5 REGAL FANFARE 18 (B,F,G) Mrs L Stubbs 4-9-0 Dale Gibson 9*
7 /00 BRAMBLES WAY 14 (V) W Barker 7-8-13 Martin Dwyer (7) 6
8 0-06 POLLI PUI 4 W Brisbourne 4-8-10 D Griffiths (5) 4
9 4-43 HOLLOWAY MELODY 13 B McMahon 3-8-2 L Newton (5) 5
10 *-006 PEARLS OF THOUGHT 8 J Haldane 3-7-10 N Varley (3) 3*

7-4 Proud Image, 5-1 Diet, 6-1 First Gold, 7-1 Simand, 8-1 others.

4.10 EAMONT HANDICAP (3-Y-O: £3,241: 7f 214yd) (17)

1 0005 YEZZA 10 A Jarvis 9-7 J Tate 12
2 50-0 GLOBE RUNNER 13 (B) J J O'Neill 9-7 J Weaver 5
3 1266 YEOMAN OLIVER 18 (D,G) B McMahon 9-6 L Newton (5) 14
4 00-2 SOLDIER MAK 20 A Hide 9-3 M Tebbutt 8
5 4-00 MILETRIAN CITY 16 J Berry 9-0 J Carroll 4
6 54-6 SUPERMISTER 20 T Easterby 8-11 J Quinn 7
7 46-0 SIS GARDEN 20 T Easterby 8-11 M Birch 3
8 *-134 GUY'S GAMBLE 84 (G) J Wharton 8-10 J Fanning 13*
9 04-2 CERISE 32 (B) W Elsey 8-7 J Fortune 1
10 00-0 JIMJAREER 18 (G) Capt J Wilson 8-6 S D Williams 9
11 -040 ARABIAN HEIGHTS 25 Mrs J Ramsden 8-5 K Fallon 15
12 0-00 MISTER WOODSTICK 29 *M Jarvis 8-4 K Darley 17*
13 04-6 SANDBLASTER 16 Mrs J Ramsden 8-4 D Harrison 8
14 0-00 THE BUTTERWICK KID 13 (G) R Fahey 8-3 Dale Gibson 16
15 00-6 TABATAY 39 M Camacho 7-10 L Charnock 11
16 00-4 CONTRACT BRIDGE 74 C Thornton 7-10 N Varley (3) 10
17 -006 MAGICAL MIDNIGHT 10 N Tinkler 7-10 Kim Tinkler 2

5-1 Soldier Mak, 6-1 Supermister, 7-1 Cerise, 8-1 Guy's Gamble, 10-1 Yezza, Contract Bridge, 12-1 others.

4.40 DERWENT CLAIMING STAKES (Div II: £2,283: 6f 206yd) (9)

1 *-012 PALACEGATE TOUCH 8 (B,CD,G,S) J Berry 8-9-11* J Carroll 1
2 3200 JUNGLE PATROL 3 (C,F) M Brittain 4-9-9 K Darley 2
3 00-0 LANCASHIRE LIFE 29 (C,G) E Alston 5-9-5 S D Williams 9
4 6135 SERIOUS FACT 76 (D,G) Mrs L Stubbs 4-9-5 J Fortune 3
5 5/6- VALIANT MAN 155J (B,S) J Wharton 5-9-1 K Fallon 7
6 02-0 MISS CHARLIE 13 T Wall 6-8-12 R Lappin 5
7 STAR DANCER J Norton 3-8-2 Dale Gibson 6
8 506- CRAIGMORE *MAGIC 235 Miss M Milligan 3-8-1 J Fanning 8*
9 -000 TALLULAH BELLE 13 N Littmoden 3-7-12 J Quinn 4

5-4 Palacegate Touch, 5-1 Lancashire Life, 6-1 Jungle Patrol, 8-1 others.

5.10 EDEN HANDICAP (£2,968: 1m 6f 32yd) (14)

1 /0-0 JABAROOT 37 (F) D Nolan 5-10-0 D Mcgaffin (7) 14
2 264- BOUNDARY EXPRESS 210 (F,G) E Alston 4-9-6 S D Williams 1
3 /00- MAGIC TIMES 406 (G) M Johnston 5-9-4 J Weaver 2
4 020- SEDVICTA 46J Mrs M Reveley 4-9-0 S Copp (7) 4
5 0-06 UNCLE DOUG 10 (S) Mrs M Reveley 5-9-0 K Darley 10
6 050- URBAN DANCING 15J B Ellison 7-8-11 K Fallon 7
7 *00-0 PUNCH 17 (B,CD,F) N Tinkler 4-8-9 J Carroll 5*
8 0-60 ROYRACE 20 W Brisbourne 4-8-9 J Fortune 3
9 065- ZAMHAREER 22J W Storey 5-8-8 J Fanning 11
10 -200 TOP PRIZE 11 (V,D,F,G) M Brittain 8-8-5 G Duffield 12
11 500- PERSIAN SMOKE 198 (D,F) A Hide 5-8-1 Martin Dwyer (7) 9
12 4/66 LOSTRIS 8 M Dods 5-7-12 Dale Gibson 13
13 00-3 HIGH DESIRE 8 J Arnold 3-7-12 J Quinn 8
14 *-085 LORD ADVOCATE 29 (B,F,G) D Nolan 8-7-11 N Varley (3) 6*

7-2 High Desire, 5-1 Zamhareer, 7-1 Uncle Doug, 8-1 Sedvicta, Boundary Express, 10-1 Urban Dancing, 12-1 others

BLINKERED FIRST TIME: Beverley: 5.00 Legal Brief, Silver Sleeve Carlisle: 4.10 Globe Runner. Lingfield Park: 2.50 It'sthebusiness, *3.50 Allyana, Squire Corrie Market Rasen: 6.00 Grundon. 6.25 R N* Commander 6.55 Surgical Spirit. 7.55 Airtrak. Stratford: 7.40 General Jimbo 8.40 Rolfe.

LINGFIELD PARK

THUNDERER
1.50 Russian Music
2.20 Caviar Royale
2.50 Zidac
3.20 Sooty Tern
3.50 Diebiedale
4.20 **RUWY** (nap)
4.50 Yeast

The Times Private Handicapper's top rating: 1.50 **RUSSIAN MUSIC.**

GUIDE TO OUR RACECARD

103 (12) 0-0432 GOOD TIMES 74 (CD,BF,F,G,S) (Mrs D Robinson) B Hall 9-10-0 .. B West (4) 88

Racecard number. Draw in brackets. Six-figure form (F — fell. P — pulled up. U — unseated rider. B — brought down. S — slipped up. R — refused. D — disqualified). Horse's name. Days since last outing; J if jumps, F if flat. (B — blinkers. V — visor. H — hood. E — Eyeshield. C — course winner. D — distance winner. CD — course and distance winner. BF — beaten favourite in latest race). Going on which horse has won (F — firm, good to firm, hard. G — good. *S — soft, good to soft, heavy). Owner in brackets* Trainer. Age and weight. Rider plus any allowance. The Times Private Handicapper's rating.

GOING: GOOD TO FIRM (TURF COURSE); STANDARD (ALL-WEATHER) SIS
TOTE JACKPOT MEETING DRAW: 5F-7F 140YD, HIGH NUMBERS BEST

1.50 McCALL GROUP MAIDEN STAKES (Div I: £3,428: 7f) (10 runners)

101 (10) 453-3 ALMUHIMM 11 (Maktoum Al Maktoum) E Dunlop 4-9-10 Pat Eddery 87
102 (2) 0 CROAGH PATRICK 11 (Mrs J Cleary) J Fox 4-9-10 N Adams 74
103 (6) 5 A CHEF TOO FAR 17 (M Greenway) R Rowe 3-8-12 T Quinn 72
104 (1) 0 HE'S MY LOVE 24 (Sheikh Ahmad Yousuf Al Sabah) J Banks 3-8-12 B Doyle –
105 (3) 00- IMAMINIT 186 (Miss A Smallman) H Collingridge 3-8-12 F Norton –
106 (8) 4-02 MAJOR DUNDEE 18 (J Leak) R Hannon 3-8-12 J Reid 93
107 (4) 33- RUSSIAN MUSIC 253 (Seventh Heaven Ptnrs) Miss G Kelleway 3-8-12 R Cochrane ●
108 (9) 0-0 SAMUEL SCOTT 8 (R Green (Fine Paintings)) M Bell 3-8-12 M Fenton 77
109 (7) 0 SCIMITAR 20 (R Marchant) P Makin 3-8-12 S Sanders 77
110 (5) 0 VOODOO ROCKET 32 (R Wood) J Gosden 3-8-7 G Hind 80

BETTING: 9-4 Russian Music, 11-4 Major Dundee, 7-2 Almuhimm, 6-1 Voodoo Rocket, 16-1 others.

1995: BERNARD SEVEN 3-8-7 L Dettori (7-2) S Woods 5 ran

FORM FOCUS

ALMUHIMM 4¾l 3rd of 13 to West Humble in maiden at Kempton (7f, good to firm) with CROAGH PATRICK 6¾l 11th. MAJOR DUNDEE 1l *2nd of 9 to Frezeliere in maiden at Brighton (1m,* firm). RUSSIAN MUSIC 4¾l 3rd of 5 to Leonine in maiden at York (6f, good to firm). SCIMITAR 15l 11th of 14 to Golden Ace in maiden at Newbury (1m, good to soft). VOODOO ROCKET 17l 9th of 16 to Thea in maiden at Kempton (7f, good)
Selection: RUSSIAN MUSIC

2.20 RACING CHANNEL STEVE WOOD MEMORIAL MAIDEN STAKES (2-Y-O: £3,351: 5f) (5 runners)

201 *(4) 540 BOLD AFRICAN 2 (D Maloney) P Evans 9-0 R Cochrane* 83
202 (3) 2 CAVIAR ROYALE 4 (BF) (G Teo) R Hannon 9-0 Pat Eddery ●
203 (5) EATON PARK (The Money Men) R Akehurst 9-0 S Sanders –
204 (2) STATUETTE (The Why Delilah Associates) B Palling 8-9 T Sprake –
205 (1) TINKERBELL (Lord Carnarvon) Lord Huntingdon 8-9 J Reid –

BETTING: 11-10 Caviar Royale, 5-2 Tinkerbell, 5-1 Eaton Park, 8-1 Bold African, 10-1 Statuette.

1995: TO THE WHIRE 8-9 B Rouse (5-2 fav) G Moore 9 ran

FORM FOCUS

BOLD AFRICAN 7l 7th of 9 to Vasari in maiden at Chester (5f, good). CAVIAR ROYALE 1¾l 2nd of 8 to Ice Age in maiden at Doncaster *(5f, good to* firm). EATON PARK (foaled Apr 11, cost 10,000gns). Half-brother by Mac's Imp to winner in Dubai; dam juvenile 6f winner in Ireland. STATUETTE *(Feb 8). Half-sister by Statoblest to two* winners, dam handicapper, dual 7f winner at three years. TINKERBELL (Jan 31). Half-sister by Sharpo to two winners including Desert Dagger, minor 5f winner at three years; dam juvenile 5f winner.
Selection: CAVIAR ROYALE

2.50 BOLLINGER CHAMPAGNE CHALLENGE SERIES HANDICAP (Amateurs: £2,928: 1m 2f) (14 runners)

301 (5) 4400-21 ZIDAC 13 (D,G) (B Brackpool) P Makin 4-12-0 J Durkan ●
302 (13) 222221 KINGCHIP BOY 11 (V,C,F,G) (Four Jays Racing) M Ryan 7-11-12 (5ex) S Lavallin (4) 84
303 (11) 0650-10 SCOTTISH BAMBI 13 (D,F,G) (W Kelly) P Webber 8-11-7 P Scott 96
304 (8) *0-21680 DIGPAST 24 (B,C,G) (Miss S Jones) R O'Sullivan 6-11-1 Davy Jones (4)* 90
305 (14) 2020-50 IT'STHEBUSINESS 13 (V) (Eurostrait Ltd) S Dow 4-10-11 S Fetherstonhaugh (4) 96
306 (2) 2350 MELTEMISON 32 (Dayspring Company Ltd) C Brittain 3-10-11 V Lukaniuk (4) 88
307 (3) 035242 MONTONE 11 (F,G,S) (B Shiraz) J Jenkins 6-10-5 *M Mannish (4)* 98
308 (7) 0-00500 SHAYNES DOMAIN 24 (G) (R Flower) R Flower 5-9-12 T McCarthy 88
309 (4) 063-665 YELLOW DRAGON 17 (C Kwai) B Pearce 3-9-11 A Evans (4) 98
310 (6) 004-000 GOOD SO FA 25 (H,C,G) (Mrs J Williams) C Allen 4-9-7 P Close (4) 88
311 (1) 0000-04 CHEVELEY DANCER 18 (G Jackman) T Naughton 8-9-7 M H Naughton 95
312 (9) 5360-00 COLOUR COUNSELLOR 71 (Mrs G Temmerman) R Flower 3-9-7 K Goble (4) 86
313 (12) 000/0-03 BRONZE MAQUETTE 10 (D,G) (N Cockerham Racing) T Hind 6-9-7 R Thornton (4) 95
314 *(10) 0050-30 DOTS DEE 10 (F) (J Kearney) J Bradley 7-9-7 N H Oliver (4) 87*

Long handicap: Good So Fa 9-6, Cheveley Dancer 9-5, Colour Counsellor 9-2, Bronze Maquette 9-2, Dots Dee 9-1

BETTING: 4-1 Zidac, 5-1 Kingchip Boy, 6-1 Bronze Maquette, 7-1 Meltemison, Cheveley Dancer, 8-1 It'sthebusiness, 10-1 Scottish Bambi, 12-1 others

1995: BAJAN 4-10-8 P Pritchard-Gordon (5-1) Lady Herries 15 ran

FORM FOCUS

ZIDAC beat Fighting Times neck in 19-runner handicap at Leicester (1m 2f, good) with SCOTTISH BAMBI (7lb better off) about 12l 9th and IT'STHEBUSINESS (8lb better off) 12l 16th. KINGCHIP BOY beat MONTONE (5lb better off) ¾l *in 12-runner amateur riders'* handicap at Southwell (AW, 1m). SCOTTISH BAMBI beat KINGCHIP BOY (2lb better off) 4l in 14-runner amateur riders' handicap at Folkestone (1m 1f 149yd, good to firm) on penultimate start, with MONTONE (8lb better off) 2l 4th and DIGPAST (7lb better off) 6l 7th. DIGPAST about 3¾l 6th of 10 to Ocean Park in handicap at Lingfield (AW, 1m 2f) on penultimate start. YELLOW DRAGON 8½l 5th of 13 to Ashby Hill in handicap at Folkestone (1m 4f, firm). CHEVELEY DANCER 1½l 4th of 23 to Gold Blade in ladies handicap at Nottingham (1m 2f, good)
Selection: ZIDAC

3.20 BOOKER CASH & CARRY CHEFS LARDER HANDICAP (All-weather: £3,818: 1m) (9 runners)

401 (5) 0-00030 ERTLON 9 (CD,F,G) (C Brittain) C Brittain 6-10-0 B Doyle 91
402 (2) 232000 DUKE VALENTINO 17 (CD,G) (J Bigg) R Hollinshead 4-9-13 M Wigham 93
403 (8) 402026 FOUR OF SPADES 11 (B,C,F) (Mrs A Sanders) P Evans 5-9-5 Amanda Sanders (5) 96
404 (7) 40546-1 MR TEIGH 87 (CD,G) (Mrs H McAuddie) B Smart 4-9-3 R Cochrane 90
405 (9) 005-214 WAIKIKI BEACH 17 (D,F,G) (Penome Partners) G L Moore 5-9-3 S Whitworth 98
406 (4) 226600 HAWAII STORM 8 (CD,G,S) (C Capel) D ffrench Davis 8-9-1 C Adamson (5) 95
407 (1) 06000- YEATH 239 (Rueles Partners) R Akehurst 4-8-5 T Quinn 87
408 (3) 415600 SARUM 16 (CD,F,G) (Mrs E Wildman) C Wildman 10-7-12 N Adams 87
409 (6) 0-44426 SOOTY TERN 6 (CD,F,G,S) (J Bradley) J Bradley 9-7-10 G Bardwell ●

Long handicap: Sooty Tern 7-9

BETTING: 3-1 Yeath, 4-1 Ertlon, Mr Teigh, 5-1 Waikiki Beach, 8-1 Four Of Spades, Duke Valentino, 12-1 others

1995: WHATEVER'S RIGHT 6-8-6 T Quinn (6-1) M Usher 11 ran

FORM FOCUS

ERTLON ¾l 3rd of 8 to My Best Valentine in handicap at Brighton (7f, firm) on penultimate start. FOUR OF SPADES 8¼l 6th of 14 to Shaffishayes *in conditions race at Pontefract (1m, good to firm)* MR TEIGH beat Manabar 3l in 8-runner conditions race over course and distance (AW). WAIKIKI BEACH beat Yo Kiri-B 6l in 7-runner conditions race at Wolverhampton (AW, 1m 100yd) on penultimate start. YEATH 6l 9th of 13 to Alfayza in handicap at Sandown (1m, good to firm) on penultimate start. SOOTY TERN neck 2nd of 12 to Golden Touch in apprentices handicap at Kempton (1m 1f, good to firm) on penultimate start.
Selection: MR TEIGH

3.50 MAXIMS HANDICAP (£3,316: 5f) (16 runners)

501 (3) 040133 FRIENDLY BRAVE 10 (CD,F,G,S) (Grid Racing) Miss G Kelleway 6-9-12 W O'Connor 97
502 (4) 00-0020 ALLWIGHT THEN *10* (D,G) (P Cosgrove) R Peacock 5-9-12 M Henry (5) 94
503 (9) 21404-0 ALLYANA 11 (B,D,G) (Lady Carolyn Warren) R Hannon 4-9-12 J Reid 86
504 *(8) 134-000 SQUIRE CORRIE 18 (V,D,G) (G Harwood) G Harwood 4-9-10 Gaye Harwood (7) 88*
505 (2) 510005- WINDRUSH BOY 162 (D,F) (Miss C Commons) J Bosley 6-9-8 Aimee Cook (7) 87
506 (5) 443000 HALBERT 14 (V,D,F) (T Barker) P Burgoyne 7-9-7 D R McCabe (3) 89
507 *(15) 6400-64 MAN OF WIT 17 (L Fust) A Jarvis 3-9-5* T Quinn 88
508 (11) 0000-10 LLOC 32 (D,BF,S) (Mrs C Rawson) C Dwyer 4-9-0 J Stack (3) 95
509 (7) 54200-0 MIAMI BANKER 10 (B,D,F,G,S) (J Amass) W Muir 10-8-12 G Bardwell 92
510 (6) 54200-0 DIEBIEDALE 10 (T Wells) R Boss 4-8-9 Pat Eddery 89
511 *(10) 13305-0 JUDGEMENT CALL 11 (D,F,G) (K Weston) P Howling 9-8-6 F Norton 85*
512 (1) 116-341 HALF TONE 71 (B,CD,G) (Mrs G Temmerman) R Flower 4-8-5 D Biggs ●
513 (14) 242524 DANCING JACK 18 (CD,G) (Mrs J Stamp) J Bridger 3-8-2 D O'Shea 95
514 (13) 05400- HEIGHTS OF LOVE 225 (B Peacock) *M Saunders 3-7-13* N Adams 80
515 (12) 00-0030 MAZZARELLO 10 (V,D,F,G) (J McGivern) R Curtis 6-7-13 B Doyle 90
516 (16) 040060- THE NOBLE OAK 253 (CD,F,G) (Cleeve Stables) M Bolton 8-7-13 C Adamson (5) 81

BETTING: 5-1 Friendly Brave, 6-1 Half Tone, 7-1 Lloc, 8-1 Allyana, 10-1 Dancing Jack, Man Of Wit, Allwight Then, 12-1 others.

1995: HICKORY BLUE 5-9-13 J Weaver (10-1) Mrs N Macauley 15 ran

FORM FOCUS

FRIENDLY BRAVE 1½l and head 3rd of 19 to Ancestman in handicap at Bath (5f, good) with MIAMI BANKER (9lb better off) about 8l 11th, ALLWIGHT THEN (2lb worse off) ½l 14th and MAZZARELLO 6l 17th. ALLWIGHT THEN head 2nd of 6 to Apollo Red in handicap at Brighton (5f 59yd, firm) on penultimate start, with FRIENDLY BRAVE (1lb better off) ½l 3rd. MAN OF WIT 8¼l 4th of 9 to Spotted Eagle in auction maiden at Folkestone (6f, firm). LLOC beat Malibu Man 5l in 16-runner handicap at Folkestone (5f, good to soft) on penultimate start, with *HALBERT (9lb better off)* 20l 12th and *MAZZARELLO* (7lb better off) 3l 16th. HALF TONE beat Featherstone Lane 1¼l in 7-runner handicap here (AW, 5f). DANCING JACK 3½l 4th of 6 to Kings Harmony in conditions race at Brighton (6f, firm).
Selection: FRIENDLY BRAVE

4.20 McCALL GROUP MAIDEN STAKES (Div II: £3,395: 7f) (9 runners)

601 (4) 0 LIZIUM 11 (A Weyman) J Fox 4-9-5 R Cochrane –
602 (5) 00 BRENTABILITY 20 (D Barker) G Lewis 3-8-12 S Whitworth 85
603 (7) 20- JAMAICAN FLIGHT 222 (Jampol Ptnrs) J Hills 3-8-12 M Henry (5) ●
604 (9) ONE IN THE EYE (T Anthony) J Poulton 3-8-12 P McCabe (3) –
605 (3) STONE ISLAND (R Cyzer) C Cyzer 3-8-12 T Quinn –
606 (8) 0 THE GREY WEAVER 11 (R Flower) R Flower 3-8-12 D Biggs –
607 (1) 6-0 CRIMSON ROSELLA 24 (Mrs P Rossdale) W Haggas 3-8-7 R McGhin 91
608 (2) 4- ICENI 263 (Mrs C Poland) H Candy 3-8-7 A McGlone 85
609 (6) 3- RUWY 200 (H Al Maktoum) C Benstead 3-8-7 J Reid 96

BETTING: 9-4 Jamaican Flight, 4-1 Iceni, 5-1 Ruwy, Crimson Rosella, 8-1 Brentability, Stone Island, 10-1 others

1995: BERNARD SEVEN 3-8-7 L Dettori (7-2) S Woods 5 ran

FORM FOCUS

BRENTABILITY 25l 10th of 14 to Nash House in maiden at Newbury (1m, good to soft). JAMAICAN *FLIGHT 2l 2nd of 6 to Dreamhill in maiden at* Goodwood (1m, good) on penultimate start. CRIMSON ROSELLA 10l 8th of 12 to Sandabar in maiden at Folkestone (7f, good to firm). ICENI 10l 4th to Faraway Waters in auction maiden at Nottingham *(6f, good to firm). RUWY 2¾l 3rd to Tsarnista* in maiden over course and distance (good).
Selection: JAMAICAN FLIGHT

4.50 INFONET LIMITED STAKES (£3,883: 7f 140yd) (6 runners)

1 (4) 632-11 YEAST 9 (D,F,S) (B Haggas) W Haggas 4-9-11 R Cochrane ●
2 (1) 0-00500 CASTEL ROSSELO 8 (B,D,F,G,S) (T Dawson) R Harris 6-9-7 A Mackay 85
3 (6) 4-44250 CONFRONTER 14 (CD,G,S) (Hatfield Ltd) S Dow 7-9-7 B Thomson 90
4 (2) 05006-0 SOTOBOY 14 (F) (Mrs M Hollis) P Harris 4-9-7 M Henry (5) 93
5 (5) 0/51226 QUEEN OF ALL BIRDS 43 (C,D,BF,G,S) (J Antoun) R Boss 5-9-6 Pat Eddery 87
6 (3) 1- ALHAWA 200 (CD,G) (H Al Maktoum) C Benstead 3-8-8 T Quinn 91

BETTING: 11-10 Yeast, 7-2 Sotoboy, 5-1 Queen Of All Birds, 6-1 Alhawa, 10-1 Confronter, 14-1 Castel Rosselo

1995: GREENWICH AGAIN 3-8-11 J Reid (7-2) T Mills 10 ran

FORM FOCUS

YEAST completed double beat Master Charter 1l in 24-runner handicap at Ascot (7f, good to firm). CASTEL ROSSELO 16l 12th of 18 to New Century in handicap at Thirsk (1m, good to firm). CON*FRONTER 8l 8th of 18 to Star Manager in handicap* at Sandown (1m, good) with SOTOBOY 1½l 9th. *QUEEN OF ALL BIRDS 14¾l 6th of 7 to Anastina* in handicap at Leicester (1m, soft). ALHAWA beat Alambar 3l in 9-runner maiden here (7f, good).
Selection: YEAST (nap)

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS	Wins	Rnrs	%	JOCKEYS	Winners	Rides	%
J Gosden	17	64	26.6	Pat Eddery	12	59	20.3
Lord Huntingdon	48	219	21.9	Aimee Cook	3	15	20.0
P Harris	12	63	19.0	R Cochrane	72	407	17.7
M Bell	14	74	18.9	M Henry	4	23	17.4
G Harwood	12	69	17.4	*T Quinn*	61	372	16.4
C Dwyer	4	24	16.7	J Reid	21	132	15.9

Lost in admiration on the isles challenge

"From Muck to Eigg is fifteen miles
From Eigg to Rhum is further,
The finish is at Lewis' butt
And all the way is murder"
— with apologies to Kipling

I write of The Challenge: Western Isles Efimole Challenge (Efimole is a company that produces primrose oil) wherein contestants make their way from the south of Barra to the northernmost point on the Isle of Lewis — a distance in excess of 250 miles.

Thirty-nine teams and three individuals started in the three-day race on Wednesday, and finish late tonight. The winner receives a statue cast in local stone.

The Challenge is claimed to be the toughest event in the world, entailing 120 miles of running up and down mountains, a similar distance of bike riding, 50 miles of canoeing.

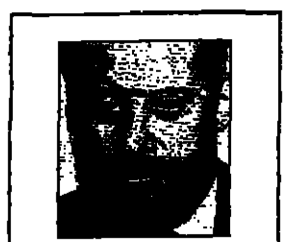
Contestants have back-up vehicles laden with spare boats, bikes and boots; some of these are basic station wagons, others rather grand, bespoke transporters. The one accompanying The City Slickers (three men and one woman from the square mile) displays the day's menu in the window. Yesterday, the first course was Scottish Smoked Salmon Mouse *(sic)* and from all accounts not sick.

In the University boat race, vessels laden with scriveners chug along behind the oarsmen. Accredited journalists reporting the Tour de France are transported hither and thence in media buses. I witnessed the Los Angeles Olympic marathon from a press helicopter.

The Challenge offers the hack the choice of sitting atop a mountain with a pair of binoculars or working from anecdotal evidence gleaned in the bar of the Lochmaddy Hotel.

To be fair, what occurs is not wholly compulsive, a sport in which partcipation gives more pleasure than observation. A man on a mountain bike cycles furiously along a minor road, reaches a checkpoint, passes an emblem to a colleague bearing a rucksack containing ordnance survey map, compass and wine gums ... and as the cyclist wipes the perspiration from his brow, his team-mate disappears into the bracken, bound for the hills; when the runner reaches the water, the badge of office is handed to the outfit's canoeist, who is eagerly awaited by his cyclist-colleague across the loch.

The terrain is varied; from the air, the Outer Hebrides would look like a huge camouflage jacket. It is, in fact, rather like the moon, before the moon became popular: a vast area of scrub, crags, rock, brush and bog with the occasional sheep; ever and anon on this, the largest archipelago in Europe; there are telegraph posts.



FREUD ON FRIDAY

The effect of the Challenge on the Uists, Benbecula, Harris and Lewis is to punctuate the calm, familiar spring with strange humans; there are in excess of 300 participating and helping; most of them are lost; all of them are looking for someone they cannot find. Many examine ordnance survey maps for they know not where they are, not exactly, not for sure — even when they have a six-figure map reference. Signposts are inscribed in Celtic. Stornaway appears as Steornabhag.

I stand by the harbour at Loch Madadh watching a man hose down a hundred lobster pots; they are for what local fishermen call prawns and the Spanish, who buy all they can get, sell as langoustines. A woman runs along the road above us; I ask whether she is a member of the local community and the fisherman looks at her, shakes his head: "Any fervour on The Isles is to do with The Challenge."

At night, in the bar of the local hotel where there are queues for the telephone and the shower room, I drink pints of a beer called "80 *Shillings" and agree to go to observe* the next day's canoe crossing of the Sound of Harris.

Niall Johnson of the Outdoor Centre says he will pick me up at 5am.

"Do you have clothes?" Of course.

"Oil silks?" No. "Lifebelt?" No. "I'll see what I can find. See you."

Before dawn, he picks me up at the hotel, hands me a waterproof jacket and lifebelt, drives to an inflatable rescue boat the size of an average dolphin, and tells me to sit behind him, grab his back if I feel the need.

It is cold. The sea is choppy. He guns the outboard motor and we skim six miles to the starting point. "Skim" is the wrong word; we start skimming and jump the waves which are about 18 inches high. A quarter of an hour later, my body has been thrown up and thumped down so hard, so often, that I will have to change my height on my passport. My shoes are soaked: average body temperature nil degrees. Fahrenheit.

At 6.30, I watch the 37 canoeists start their crossing. They paddle with dedicated skill and balance. Our rescue boat does not want to cause a swell so we give the kayaks a wide berth, zooming back and forth, my vertebrae getting ever closer to each other.

After five miles, 36 boats are strung out, the last three (all women) paddling some two miles behind the leading six. One has sunk.

On the roads above Rodel Harbour, the bikers await arrival of their team-mates. Three of them have no mates, only back-ups. Three contestants are paddling, running, biking — doing the distance of three marathons a day for three days. I feel guilty about feeling cold and wet.

Brief chats with a team called The Up and Downers consisting of two yuppies, an undertaker and a coffin maker, cheers me up. Tonight, after the prize-giving ceremony, there is to be a ceilidh — a *soirée* with a binge on top. *I shall go to bed ... and* I was only watching, only some of it, only for part of the time.

RADIO CHOICE

Voters pull the strings

Evening Concert. *Classic FM, 8.00pm.*

Happenstance? Or shrewd exploitative programming? Whichever, three of tonight's works featured in Classic FM's "Hall of Fame, All-time Great Hits" compiled recently from the votes of 81,000 of its listeners. Top of the list of 300 titles was Bruch's Violin Concerto No 1. No surprises there. What did take me aback was that Tchaikovsky's 1812 could manage only 38th place. Even though Dvořák's *Serenade for Strings* was low in the list, at 204, I was happy that it made it at all. Tonight's soloist in the Bruch is Joshua Bell. I happened to hear him play the Méditation from Massenet's *Thaïs* the other day. It sent shivers down my spine.

Seamus Heaney on Air. *Radio 4, 9.30pm.*

Interviewing the celebrated poet in one of the *Kaleidoscope* specials that are continuing to strengthen the parent body's grip on the arts, Kate Kellaway can scarcely conceal how deeply privileged she feels to be doing so. I am not implying that she sounds overawed by it all, though that would be understandable given Heaney's eminence. What I mean is that the interviewer is on the same wavelength as the poet. My one regret is that Kellaway's opening statement is made only to the microphone. I should have liked to hear what Heaney thought of her claim that, apart from a new Donegal tweed suit, nothing fundamental had changed for him since winning the 1995 Nobel Prize for Literature.

Peter Davalle

Giggs nurtures youth culture at Old Trafford

By Peter Ball

OCTOBER 1, 1995, is a date that all Manchester United supporters remember as the day when Eric Cantona returned to begin his rehabilitation, which culminated in the club's championship victory and his footballer-of-the-year award last night.

Three weeks before Cantona played that day against Liverpool, though, there was an equally significant, if lower-key, comeback. At Goodison Park, a slim, dark-haired substitute in a red shirt passed the ball into the Everton net and was engulfed by his team-mates.

At the time, it was obvious that their delight was more than that of a team at a winning goal, even against a team that had beaten them in the Cup Final, but Paul Scholes, David Beckham, Nicky Butt and Gary Neville knew what the goal signified and what they were celebrating — Ryan Giggs was back after his injury-riddled, troubled start to the season.

Later that evening, on the way to Volgograd, Alex Ferguson pointed to the delight, adding: "Giggsy is their hero." Asked to amplify his statement the next day, with Giggs present, he backtracked, but said: "He is their leader, he has paved the way for them."

Now, eight months on, Cantona's contribution as the light guiding United's young men has been impressive, but Giggs has not been far behind. Last week, as good a judge as Bryan Robson suggested that Giggs has been the key to United's title win. Tomorrow, a year after his frustrating final against Everton, he is as likely to win the game for United as Cantona.

FA CUP

"That final was very disappointing," Giggs said this week, "for me going to the final as substitute, not being 100 per cent fit, and then the team losing just rounded off the season in which I'd had a lot of niggling injuries."

At the time, the doubters questioned whether he would fulfil his rich potential. He has answered in thrilling style. "You must judge a player when he is 23 or 24," Ferguson said, "when he is the finished article."

By that criterion, Giggs, 22, still has some way to go, but his game has flourished this season. He is still an exhilarating sight in full flow, but the spells as striker and in midfield have brought a wider appreciation of the game, and a more measured final pass, while his understanding with Cantona is almost uncanny.

He is also noticeably at ease with himself. The role of leader of the young players sits easily on his shoulders. If the arrival of the Nevilles, Scholes, Beckham and Butt means that he is no longer the *wunderkind*, he insists that he stills plays for the youngsters in United's five-a-side games.

"The young lads have taken a lot of pressure off me now, but I'm still trying to keep my tag as a young lad," he said. "Not succeeding, but trying."

He is handling the fame and adulation with poise. "Socially, like any player, you have to be careful where you go and what you do outside football," he said, "but I'm lucky that I live where I was brought up and went to school, and I've still got a group of friends I went to school or played football with. With my mates I'm not Ryan Giggs, football player, I'm just Ryan." Tomorrow, he will be Ryan Giggs, football player. With Cantona in the same team, it is a formidable thought.

RICHARD MAW

Giggs in full flow remains one of British football's most exhilarating sights

Lewis aims to justify praise

From Srikumar Sen, Boxing Correspondent, in New York

THE boxing world could see a new Lennox Lewis when he meets Ray Mercer, of the United States, at Madison Square Garden here tonight — one that is capable of beating Mike Tyson.

For the first time since Tommy Farr showed the Americans what a British heavyweight could do when he went the distance with Joe Louis in 1937, the Americans are saying that Lewis is a genuine challenger. Those who saw him during his six weeks' training in the Pocono Mountains were so impressed with him that they could not believe that he was the same man whom they used to decry as just another British no-hoper.

After seeing Lewis at work in Pennsylvania, Michael Katz, the *New York Daily News* boxing correspondent, said: "I saw him throw three left hooks and a right [combination] and I knew I had witnessed the best heavyweight in the world."

Greg Logan, of Newsday, said: "I have seen the most improved heavyweight and he is ready to stake his claim as the world's No 1."

Referring to the claim by Emanuel Steward, Lewis's trainer, that Lewis can be the best heavyweight since Muhammad Ali, Logan said: "Having seen Lewis dance and jab and then move inside to bang with equal ease in the gym, it's not hard to understand what Steward sees."

Frank Maloney, Lewis's manager, said about the American reaction to Lewis: "This is the first time that the hardest critics in the world have given Lennox a full page to himself in four newspapers. I remember the way they used to say terrible things about him, stuff that was fit only for the fish and chips newspaper, but now I can take these articles and frame them."

Gym form, of course, has too often given the wrong impression, so it will be interesting to see if Lewis can translate his good work into ring action. Mercer is not the toughest of opponents, but is good enough to show whether the experts are right.

Mercer has not boxed since he gave Evander Holyfield the fight of his life last May. He has had weight problems, but says that he is over them. Now down to 235lb, he vows to stop Lewis, just as Oliver McCall did two years ago.

Mercer has a distinguished amateur record, winning the Olympic heavyweight title in Seoul, where, coincidentally, Lewis became super-heavyweight champion one bout later. On turning professional, Mercer won the World Boxing Organisation title by stopping a good champion, Francesco Damiani, of Italy, in nine rounds and then retained his title by giving Tommy Morrison such a beating that it almost ended his career.

Mercer has a good chin and can punch. He has never been stopped and has disposed of 16 of his 27 opponents inside the distance. After this bout, Lewis hopes to meet Tyson, the World Boxing Council champion, but the latter's lawyers say that the bout can take place only if Lewis boxes for Showtime, the television company that has Tyson under contract. If necessary, Tyson will give up his title to honour the contract.

WORD-WATCHING

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HOOSIER

(b) An inexperienced, awkward, or unsophisticated person. Unkind racialist toponym from the nickname for a native or inhabitant of the state of Indiana. "Old King is one of the most perfect samples of a Hoosier Texan I have met with. Fat, chubby, ignorant, and loquacious as Sancho Panza, we could believe nothing he said."

MOUTAN

(c) The tree peony, *Paeonia suffruticosa*, of the family Ranunculaceae, a large shrub bearing pale pink flowers, native to China and Tibet, the parent of many garden varieties producing single or double flowers of many colours.

KETJAK

(a) A Balinese dance, with a male chorus. From the Balinese *tjak-a-tjak*, the sound of the chanted refrain accompanying the dance. "The Monkey Dance or Ketjak Ceremonies impressed me more than all other dances and dramas. A Ketjak was held solely for our entertainment."

MARCHEN

(c) A folktale or story. From the *Middle High German mare* famous, *merechyn* a short verse narrative. "There is no doubt that the story of the shadowy Anglian king Offa, blended with märchen elements, was well known in England in the time of Cynewulf."

SOLUTION TO WINNING CHESS MOVE

1. Qh6! Qxb1+: 2. Kh2 Rg8; 3. Qxh7+ Kxh7; 4. Rh4 mate.

RADIO 1

FM *Stereo* **4.00am** *Clive Warren* **6.30** Chris Evans **9.00** Simon Mayo **12.00** Lisa I'Anson, incl at **12.30-12.45pm** Newsbeat **2.00** Nicky Campbell **4.00** Mark Goodier, incl at **5.30-5.45** Newsbeat **7.00** Essential Selection, with Pete Tong **10.00** One in the Jungle **1.00am** *Radio 1* Rap Show **3.00** Annie Nightingale

RADIO 2

FM Stereo **6.00am** Martin Kelner **7.30** Wake Up to Wogan **9.30** Ken Bruce **11.30** Jimmy Young **1.30** Debbie Thrower **3.00** Ed Stewart **5.05** John Dunn **7.00** Maestro **7.30** Friday Night is Music Night. Robin Boyle introduces the *BBC Concert Orchestra* under *Iain* Sutherland **8.45** The Thirty-Nine Steps, by John Buchan. Read by John Nettles (1/10) **9.00** Listen to the Band **10.00** The Brighton Festival — *Radio 2 Arts Programme* **12.05am** Charles Nove

RADIO 5 LIVE

5.00am Morning Reports **6.00** The Breakfast Programme, incl **6.55**, **7.55** racing preview **8.35** The Magazine, with Diana Madill **12.00** Midday with Mair, incl at **12.35pm** Moneycheck **2.05** Ruscoe on Five **4.00** John Inverdale Nationwide, incl at **5.45** Entertainment News **7.20** Friday Sport. Rugby League: *Paris St Germain v Leeds*; Boxing; Football. A preview of the FA Cup Final **9.35** Sports Shop **10.05** Paper Talk, with Brian Alexander and Phil Murphy **11.00** Night Extra incl at **11.15** The Financial World Tonight **12.05am** After Hours **2.05** Up All Night, with Richard Dallyn

TALK RADIO

6.30am The Breakfast Show with Paul Ross **10.00** Scott Chisholm **1.00pm** Anna Raeburn **3.00** *Tommy Boyd* **5.00** Peter Deeley **7.00** Sport **10.00** Mike Allen **1.00am** Mike Dickin

WORLD SERVICE

All times in ***BST.*** **5.00am** News **5.30** Europe Today **5.45** Folk Routes **6.00** News **6.30** Europe Today **6.45** Words and Music **6.50** The Insider's Guide **7.00** News **7.15** The World Today **7.30** Blues World **8.00** News **8.15** Off the Shelf **8.30** About Face **9.00** News in German **9.15** Music Review **9.45** Soundbyte **10.00** News **10.05** Business **10.15** Focus on Faith **10.45** Sport **11.00** News **11.30** BBC English **11.45** Off the Shelf **12.00** News **12.30pm** Meridian **1.00** News in German **1.15** *Britain Today* **1.30** *Science in Action* **2.00** *Newshour* **3.00** News **3.05** Outlook **3.30** Multitrack **4.00** News **4.05** Sport **4.15** BBC English **4.30** News in German **5.00** Europe Today **5.30** Business **5.45** Britain Today **6.00** News **6.10** *World Today* **6.25** Spotlight **6.30** News in German **7.00** News **7.30** Focus on Faith **8.00** Newshour **9.00** News Summary **9.01** Outlook **9.25** Words of Faith **9.30** Multitrack **10.00** News **10.05** Business **10.15** Britain Today **10.30** People and Politics **11.00** News **11.30** World Today **11.45** Sport **12.00** News **12.10** Spotlight **12.15** The Insider's Guide **12.25** Book Choice **12.30** Multitrack **1.00** News **1.30** Seven Days **1.45** Britain Today **2.00** News **2.30** Outlook **2.55** Words of Faith **3.00** News **3.30** Meridian **4.00** News **4.15** Sport **4.30** The Vintage Chart Show

CLASSIC FM

4.00am Mark Griffiths **6.00** Mike Read **9.00** Henry Kelly **12.00** Susannah Simons **2.00pm** Concerto **3.00** Jamie Crick **6.00** Newsnight **6.30** Sonata **7.00** Classic Showcase **8.00** Evening Concert. See Choice **1.00** Through the Night

VIRGIN RADIO

6.00am Russ *'n'* Jono's Breakfast Experience **9.00** Richard Skinner **12.00** *Graham Dene* **4.00pm** *Nicky Horne* **7.30** Paul Coyle **10.00** Mark Forrest **2.00** Howard Pearce

RADIO 3

6.00am On Air, with Andrew MacGregor. Includes, Schubert (Cello Sonata in A minor, D821, Arpeggione); Vivaldi (Violin Concerto in C, Op 8 No 6); Mackenzie (Benedictus); Scharwenka (Serenade, Op 70); Alain (Litanies)
9.00 Morning Collection with Paul Gambaccini. Haydn (Symphony No 84 in E flat); Schubert (Frühlingsglaube, D686); Karlowicz (Violin Concerto in A)
10.00 Musical Encounters. *Locatelli (Concerto Grosso in* G minor, Op 4 No 12); Moeran (Suite: Farrago) **10.39** *Artist of the Week*: Raphael Oleg, violin. Ravel (Violin Sonata) **10.59** Tilson Thomas (Street Song), Nielsen (Springtime on Funen); Strauss (Festmusik der Stadt Wien)
12.00 Composer of the Week: Nielsen. We Sons of the Lowland (Tove); Prelude, Sidsel's Song (Sir Oluf He Rides); Incidental Music Hagbarth and Signe (excerpt): At the Bier of a Young Artist
1.00pm St David's Hall Lunchtime Recital. A new series introduced by Nicola Heywood Thomas. Boris Berman, piano. Haydn (*Sonatas*: in C, H XVI 50; in D, H XVI 51; in E flat, H XVI 52
2.00 Schools Let's Make a Story **2.15** Music Box **2.30** Dance Workshop **2.50** Poetry Corner
3.00 The Bach Archive. In his final programme Nicholas Anderson explores the vast BBC collection of recordings of Bach's keyboard music
5.00 ***The Music Machine: Young Musicians '96***
5.15 In Tune. Bell (A South African Symphony); Poulenc (Sonata for horn, trumpet and trombone); Bizet (L'Arlésienne Suite No 2)
7.30 The BBC National Orchestra of Wales, under Mark Wigglesworth, with *Artist of the Week*: Raphael Oleg, violin. Beethoven (Overture Coriolan); Tchaikovsky (Violin Concerto in D) **8.20** An Artist's Reply **8.40** Shostakovich (Symphony No 5)
9.45 Typecasting. Gordon Stewart explores the soubrette voice
10.00 Hear and Now. Jane's Minstrels perform Paul Newland (Some like horror show music for a malenky bit of the old u v); Hugh Collins Rice (In the Grave), Erika Fox (Singender Steige) and Michael Zev Gordon (No Time Ago); Brian Elias (Personal Stereo). Delta Saxophone Quartet performs Christopher Fox (Stone, Wind, Rain, Sun*); Gavin Bryars (Alanc I or II); *Javier Alvarez* (Acordeon de Roto Corazon)
12.00 Composer of the Week: Mendelssohn (r)
1.00am Through the Night, with Donald Macleod. Choral Music. Mozart (Requiem in D minor, K626) **2.00** *Early* Music. Sonatas by Biber, Schmelzer, Muffat and Fux **3.15** Orchestra of Italian Swiss Radio, under Nicolas Carthy. Beethoven (Triple Concerto), Haydn (Trio in A, H XV 18); Dvořák (Symphony No 9 in E *minor*, *New World*) **5.00** Beethoven and Dussek

RADIO 4

5.55am Shipping Forecast (**LW** only) **6.00** News; Weather **6.10** Farming Today **6.25** Prayer for the Day **6.30** Today incl **7.00, 7.30, 8.00, 8.30** *News* **7.25, 8.25** *Sport* **7.45** Thought for the Day **8.40** Yesterday in Parliament **8.58** Weather
9.00 News 9.05 Desert Island ***Discs.*** *Pauline Quirke talks to* Sue Lawley (r)
9.45 Feedback, with Chris Dunkley
10.00-10.30 News; Ballad of the Sad Cafés (FM only). A series looking at the world of the expatriate café from the inside. Mauricio Bonnett visits a Colombian café in London (2/4)
10.00 An Act of Worship (LW only)
10.15 ***This Sceptr'd Isle (LW*** *only)*
10.30 Woman's Hour
11.30 The Natural History Programme
12.00 News; You and Yours
12.25pm The Food Programme. Presented by Derek Cooper **12.55** Weather
1.00 The World at One
1.40 The Archers (r) **1.55** Shipping Forecast
2.00 News; The Classic Serial: Marriage. Susan Ferrier's social comedy dramatised by Patricia Hannan (2/3) (r)
3.00 News; The Afternoon Shift
4.00 News 4.05 Kaleidoscope. Tim Marlow views the William Morris exhibition at the Victoria and Albert Museum and, as a new radio series raises the issue, he considers the relationship between Picasso and his women
4.45 Short Story: Cormac's Cup ***Final*** by *Michael* Carson. Read by Niamh Cusack (r)
5.00 PM 5.50 Shipping **5.55** Weather
6.00 Six O'Clock News
6.30 Going Places. David Stafford presents the leisure and *heritage* magazine
7.00 News 7.05 Pick of the Week. Chris Serle presents his selection of extracts from BBC radio and television over the past seven days
8.05 Any Questions? Jonathan Dimbleby presents a topical discussion from Littleover in Derbyshire. This week's panellists are the journalist Ann Leslie, Dr Gerald Malone, MP, Minister of State at the Department of Health, Professor David Marquand, Principal-Elect of Mansfield College Oxford, and Dawn *Primarolo, MP, Shadow* Treasury spokesperson
8.50 Perchance to Dream. An exploration of the latest research on sleep
9.15 Letter from America by Alistair Cooke
9.30 Kaleidoscope Feature: Seamus Heaney on Air. See Choice (r) **9.59** Weather
10.00 The World Tonight
10.45 Book at Bedtime: Waugh ***on Five Fronts.*** *Read by the* late Simon Cadell (5/5) (r)
11.00 Week Ending, with Sally Grace and Toby Longworth
11.25 Tea Junction.. Patrick Hannan and his guests take a sceptical look at the week's events
11.45 Today in Parliament
12.00 News incl **12.27** Weather **12.30 The Late Book: Tongues of Flame** by Tim Parks. Read by John Duttine (8/8) **12.48** Shipping **1.00 As World Service**

FREQUENCY GUIDE. RADIO 1. FM 97.6-99.8. **RADIO 2.** FM 88.0-90.2. **RADIO 3.** FM 90.2-92.4. **RADIO 4.** FM 92.4-94.6; LW 198; MW 720. **RADIO 5 LIVE.** MW 693, 909. **WORLD SERVICE.** MW 648; LW 198 (12.45-5.55am). **CLASSIC FM.** FM 100-102. **VIRGIN RADIO.** FM 105.8; MW 1197, 1215. **TALK RADIO UK.** MW 1053, 1089. **Television and radio listings compiled by Peter Dear, Ian Hughes, Rosemary Smith, Susan Thomson and Jane Gregory**

Many things have gone for a Burton these days — but thankfully not in Burton. Marston's Pedigree remains the golden pint it always was, because it's the only beer traditionally brewed in wooden casks.

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Natural wonders leave us lost for words

REVIEW

Lynne Truss

The onus on explorers to provide grand names for their discoveries sometimes — obviously — wore them out. They should have taken heed of the Almighty, because after God had named the first batch of animals, he locked the paddock and then forbade Man to leave Eden until he'd worked out names for Hyde Park and Kew Gardens. It's hard to keep thinking up appellations. The number of places called "Cook" in the South Pacific testifies to that.

"What shall we call this one, Cap'n?" said an eager, gap-toothed lieutenant every half hour of the voyage, pointing landwards with a quill pen.

"Oh not again," replied the great captain, wearily sucking his telescope.

"What's today?" The sailor consulted a well-thumbed almanac.

"It's Shakespeare's birthday (attrib), sir."

"Mm. Well, call it Attrib Island, then. Why do I have to do everything?"

Still, those native peoples who object to their land being named Queen Charlotte Sound, or Mount Cook, or Easter Monday Island are lucky that the majority of the naming was done 200 years ago. Because in last night's **Wildlife on One: Lost Lakes of the Pacific** (BBC1, not Scotland) it transpired that the craft is lost. A set of unique and amazing "marine lakes" is being explored by an American scientist called Larry, who seems to be too modest to name everything after himself. Sapphire blue from the air, and set amid the densely vegetated emerald islands of Palau, these lakes have trapped marine life in salt water and changed it into new forms. Ghostly jellyfish swim languorously upside down, and the water is opaque and soupy, with vivid bands of colour. One of these lakes has acquired a name. And this is it: Spooky Lake.

You see? Dreadful. Even Lake Spooky sounds better than Spooky Lake. Years ago they would have called it Lake Clinton, with no shame; but now we call it Spooky Lake because it's, well, weird. David Attenborough had to pronounce this name last night, and I'm quite sure I sensed shock in his voice. When the upside-down jellyfish was said to be called the Upside-Down Jellyfish "for obvious reasons", he inserted a slight chuckle, but nobody was fooled. Clearly Larry has been so long among new species that he has run out of ideas. Cook Syndrome, they could call it. But on the other hand, obviously they won't.

Calling a new series about Britain's European policy **The Poisoned Chalice** (BBC2) was rather clever, however. It suggests intrigue, Borgia-style, and a rattling good yarn. And best of all, it eschews the word "Euro", which research has shown can reduce quite lively British people instantly to a pulsating mindless state not unlike an upside-down jellyfish with no hope of the open sea.

For the first 15 minutes of last night's first episode, umpteen former diplomats recalled postwar British Prime Ministers infallibly making the wrong choices about European unity, and it was honestly a bit boring. But it picked up. There was unfamiliar footage of Brussels and Rome, and a wry commentary from Michael Elliott. Basically, it was a cautionary tale about being too snooty to join in the first place, and then paying the consequences. You don't snub a French bruiser like General de Gaulle, for example, and get away with it.

You remember that big pea called Cannon Ball in the old frozen pea commercials? It came bouncing along late, and wasn't allowed into the packet? The story of *The Poisoned Chalice* was exactly like that, down to all the little continental peas giggling and thumbing their noses safely inside. "Ne pleurez pas, milord," de Gaulle told Macmillan gleefully (quoting Piaf), sending him away with a flea in his ear. Last night's title, *A Kind of Betrayal*, referred to a key meeting in January 1963 between Edward Heath and Maurice Couve de Murville — a meeting at which the Frenchman said encouraging things and failed to mention that de Gaulle would veto Britain's application in two days' time. The veto was a national humiliation, but there was nothing we could do about it. As Elliott saucily remarked: "The British did not take de Gaulle's veto lying down. They cancelled a visit to Paris by Princess Margaret."

I can't make up my mind about **Airport** (BBC1), but the visit of President Clinton through Heathrow last night was a good interlude. The President (who remains lakeless, I believe) arrived in one aircraft, walked along some red carpet, and left again in three minutes. According to Anita (official VIP greeter), the visit had taken six months to prepare. She said her job was to make it look easy — like a swan gliding on water, while paddling like mad underneath. It is unusual for real people on television to employ striking similes of this kind. In the down-to-earth world of groundstaff, it was especially surprising.

My uncertainty about *Airport* is that I don't know whose side I'm on. The public are always whingeing; at Customs, they are obstructive; the officials are continually accused of racism. But having been a passenger all my life, I can sympathise with the frustration of exhausted people held in conditions tantamount to mental torture. The cheerful PC featured in the series — Dave — is apt to tip back his helmet in times of crisis, and offer the benefit of his experience, which is infallibly trite. "You see, the problem is that *there is never an easy answer*," he tells stranded, tired passengers. Which makes me personally so irritated that I want to knock off his helmet and scream.

6.00am Business Breakfast (27584)

7.00 BBC Breakfast News (Ceefax) (58855)

9.00 Breakfast News Extra (Ceefax) (4526855)

9.20 Can't Cook, Won't Cook (s) (7702316)

9.45 Kilroy (s) (6036958)

10.30 Good Morning with Anne and Nick (s) (72251)

12.00 News (Ceefax) regional news and weather (1949126)

12.05pm Going for a Song (s) (5254958)

12.35 Going for Gold. General knowledge quiz presented by the irrepressible Henry Kelly (s) (4671478)

1.00 One O'Clock News (Ceefax) and weather (51942)

1.30 Regional News and weather (62851652)

1.40 Neighbours (Ceefax) (s) (69389565)

2.00 Moon over Miami (Ceefax) (s) (7134942)

2.50 Today's Gourmet. Swordfish (s) (6705403)

3.15 Secret Life of Toys (r) (s) (2925382) **3.30 Playdays** (r) (s) (2608497) **3.50 Monster Cafe** (r) (s) (8633331) **4.05 Casper Classics** (r) (s) (6693010) **4.10 Little Mouse on the Prairie** (Ceefax) (s) (5040958) **4.35 Clarissa Explains It All** (r) (Ceefax) (s) (2997942)

5.00 Newsround (Ceefax) (7429774)

5.10 Blue Peter (Ceefax) (s) (6298381)

5.35 Neighbours. Hannah becomes a fashion victim while Cheryl and Angie suffer for their sport (r) (Ceefax) (s) (281010)

6.00 Six O'Clock News (Ceefax) (923)

6.30 Regional News magazines (403)

7.00 Wipeout. Paul Daniels hosts the gameshow (Ceefax) (s) (1861) **WALES: 7.00** Don't Look Back (1861)

7.30 CHOICE **Tomorrow's World**(Ceefax) (s) (687)

8.00 Only Fools and Horses: A Losing Streak. With David Jason and Nicholas Lyndhurst (r) (Ceefax) (4381)

8.30 Big Break. Jim Davidson hosts the snooker gameshow. This week's experts are Dennis Taylor, David Roe and Jason Ferguson. Trick-shot master John Virgo keeps order as usual (Ceefax) (s) (6316)

9.00 Nine O'Clock News (Ceefax) regional news and weather (4316)

9.30 999. Michael Buerk and Juliet Morris present stories of heroism and bravery. This week, a seaman's catalogue of errors that led to disaster on a sandbank 12 miles off the Essex coast, and the woman who felt like Superman when she came to the rescue of footballer Steve Nicol (Ceefax) (s) (880045)

10.20 FILM: Mad Max (1979) Fantasy adventure which made a star of Mel Gibson. In the desolate near-future, after the breakdown of law and order, the Main Force Patrol pursue the vicious motorcycle gangs who roam the wastelands, attacking what is left of civilisation. Directed by George Miller (Ceefax)(1922126)

11.50 FILM: Psycho (1960, b/w) with Anthony Perkins and Janet Leigh. Classic horror-suspense thriller directed by Alfred Hitchcock (Ceefax) (689229)

1.35am Weather (3281695)

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6.00am Open University

7.15 See Hear Breakfast News (4611584)

7.30 Teenage Mutant Hero Turtles (r). (Ceefax) (39720) **8.00 The Really Wild Show** (r) (s) (7435590) **8.25 The Little Polar Bear** (r) (2930768) **8.30 William's Wish Wellingtons** (r) (s) (7176584)

8.40 The Record (s) (8831565)

9.05 Daytime on Two: Job Bank (9013861) **9.15 Teaching Today** (355923) **9.45 Watch** (5783213) **10.00 Playdays** (19478) **10.30 Cats' Eyes** (2482213) **10.45 Cosmo and Dibs** in Punjabi (2487768) **11.00 Look and Read** (3949590) **11.20 English Time** (9451126) **11.40 The RE Collection** (7986478) **12.00 English File:** Death of a Salesman (16294) **12.30pm Working Lunch** (44565) **1.00 Shakespeare: The Animated Tales** (59584) **1.30 Showcase** (62946774) **1.45 Words and Pictures** (62941229) **WALES: 1.55-3.55** Welsh Labour Conference (82131403)

2.00 The Little Polar Bear (r) (41592039) **2.05 William's Wish Wellingtons** (s) (41584010) **2.10 Open View** (41689519) **2.15 Global Warning** (41671590)

2.20 FILM: Wojeck — Out of the Fire (1992). Refugee drama with John Vernon. Directed by George Bloomfield (832687)

4.00 Today's the Day (s) (316)

4.30 Ready, Steady, Cook (s) (300)

5.00 Esther (s) (3039)

5.30 The Wartime Kitchen and Garden (r) (Ceefax) (652)

6.00 Shooting Stars. Spoof quiz (r) (Ceefax) (s) (565). **WALES:** The Transatlantic Sessions (565)

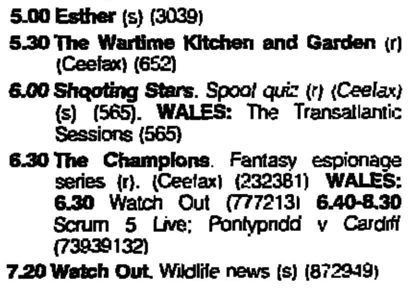
6.30 The Champions. Fantasy espionage series (r). (Ceefax) (232381) **WALES: 6.30** Watch Out (777213) **6.40-8.30** Scrum 5 Live; Pontypridd v Cardiff (73939132)

7.20 Watch Out. Wildlife news (s) (872949)

7.30 The Transatlantic Sessions Folk and country music (Ceefax) (s) (229)

8.00 Top Gear Motorsport (Ceefax) (s) (2923)

8.30 Gardeners' World (Ceefax) (s) (4958)



French and Havers (9.00pm)

9.00 CHOICE **Murder Most Horrid: Girl Friday.** (Ceefax) (s) (2958)

9.30 The High Life. Airline comedy (r) (Ceefax) (s) (37229). **WALES: 9.30** Top Gear Motorsport (37229)

10.00 Have I Got News for You (s) (17923)

10.30 Newsnight (Ceefax) (362039)

11.15 Fantasy Football League (s) (434039). **WALES:** Welsh Lobby (434039) 11.45 Fantasy Football League (426010) 12.15am The High Life (35072) 12.45am This Life (6813140) 1.30-2.40 Mark Knopfler (1035508)

11.45 This Life (r). (Ceefax) (s) (206774)

12.30am Later Presents Mark Knopfler in Concert (r) (s) (3344072). Ends at **1.45**

CHOICE

Tomorrow's World
BBC1, 7.30pm

A robotic vacuum cleaner had to come and *Tomorrow's World*, ever on the alert for opportunities to bring science into the living room, is the perfect place to demonstrate it. The task falls to Philippa Forrester, though since the machine is fully automated all she has to do is provide a commentary. Combining a radar system with an on-board computer, this dream appliance steers itself around a room, sucking up the dirt and avoiding the furniture. But it is only a prototype and *Tomorrow's World* has been known to get excited about inventions that are never heard of again. Let us hope that this is not true of an unlikely treatment for blood clots developed by a Mexican biochemist. He has found something in the saliva of the vampire bat which can dissolve clots without causing a haemorrhage.

Garden Party
Channel 4, 8.00pm

Too many gardening programmes on television concentrate on the best and ignore the reality for so many of us of lousy soil and invasive weeds. By allowing amateur gardeners to put their problems to the experts, *Garden Party* is filling a gap (though radio buffs will point out that *Gardeners' Question Time* has been doing much the same thing since 1947). Programme two comes from Dorset and takes amateurs and professionals to Ivy Cottage, north of Dorchester, which is notable for its unusual perennials, moisture-loving plants and trees and shrubs. The psychiatrist turned horticulturalist Tom Barber is joined by Carol Klein, a specialist in rare plants, and David Jones, who is in charge of parks and gardens for the Corporation of London. Video diaries continue to provide a check on how the experts' advice is working out.

Expert Witness: A Family Man
ITV, 8.30pm (Granada region, May 17)

Michael Gambon presents another reconstructed true murder case in which the crime-solver turns out to be not a dogged detective but a man in a white coat. A motorist who has stopped in a Derbyshire layby is robbed, shot and left for dead. It does not take the police long to find the culprits. One informer helpfully supplies the names and another passes on information about the whereabouts of the murder weapon. If only it was always that easy, you might think. But it is still up to the forensic expert to tease out the vital evidence that will connect the men with the crime. The ease with which he does so tends to rob the story of suspense. But it is reassuring to know that while the national clear-up rate for crime is modest, there are notable successes.

Murder Most Horrid: Girl Friday
BBC2, 9.00pm

Dawn French returns to display her comic talents in six more improbable tales of the macabre. This is the third series of *Murder Most Horrid* and if tonight's script by Paul Smith is a shade below the best, French's exuberance as usual wins through. She plays Sally, one of those super secretaries, sorry, personal assistants, who is so efficient that she has done her boss's Christmas cards by June. But a fondness for a lunchtime drink, or several, means that by the afternoon she is not only pie-eyed but liable to be embarrassingly indiscreet. When her boss (Nigel Havers) is questioned by the police about the death of his wife, the resourceful Sally prepares the perfect alibi for him and then undermines it by saying all the wrong things. The final twist is unexpected and worth waiting for. **Peter Waymark**

6.00am GMTV (8769818)

9.25 Supermarket Sweep (s) (7614107)

9.55 Regional News (Teletext) (2271768)

10.00 The Time . . . the Place (s) (6689045)

10.35 This Morning (50948039)

12.20pm Regional News (Teletext) (1938010)

12.30 ITN Lunchtime News and weather (Teletext) (4763403)

12.55 Entertainment Today (s) (4675294)

1.25 Liz Earle's Lifestyle (s) (1064045)

2.00 Home and Away (Teletext) (s) (19859671)

2.25 Murder, She Wrote: For Whom the Bells Tolls (s) (7139497)

3.20 ITN News headlines (Teletext) (7983942)

3.25 Regional News (Teletext) (7982213)

3.30 Rosie and Jim (r) (s) (5287215) **3.45 The Treacle People** (s) (1329565) **3.55 Bimble's Bucket** (s) (1560756) **4.25 The Geeks** (s) (5950381)

4.50 Hang On (s) (9390010)

5.10 A Country Practice (s) (9858855)

5.40 ITN News and weather (Teletext) (803861)

6.00 Home and Away. Fin asks Irene to be the surrogate mother of her child and Steven and Selina realise they are falling in love (r) (Teletext) (s) (287855)

6.25 Regional News (Teletext) (445768)

7.00 Bruce Forsyth's Play Your Cards Right(Teletext) (s) (3229)

Gregson and Lawson (7.30pm)

7.30 Coronation Street. Jim (Charles Lawson) has advive for his wayward son Steve (Simon Gregson) (Teletext) (855)

8.00 The Bill: Rollover. When an informer tries to buck the system, Deakin comes down hard and gets an unexpected result (Teletext) (6749)

8.30 CHOICE **Expert Witness: A Family Man** (2/7) (Teletext) (s) (8584)

9.00 Soldier, Soldier: Disintegration. Paddy Garvey's new status as a lonely bachelor seems to take a turn for the better when he encounters Christina Meissner (r) (Teletext) (s) (4855)

10.00 ITN News at Ten and weather (Teletext) (11749)

10.30 HTV West headlines (563381)

10.40 FILM: Say Anything (1989) with John Cusack and Ione Skye. Teenage romantic comedy. Directed by Cameron Crowe (29048792)

12.35 Hotel Babylon (s) (6811782)

1.15 The Good Sex Guide . . . Late (s) (469898)

2.15 FILM: In Search of a Golden Sky (1984) with Charles Napier. An uncle fights to keep his orphaned nephews and nieces. Directed by Jefferson Richard (536459)

4.00 Not Fade Away. (r) (s) (78614)

5.00 On the Live Side (17169)

5.30 ITN Morning News (95850). Ends at **6.00**

As HTV WEST except:

6.25pm-7.00 Wales Tonight (445768)

10.40 Wales This Week (360720)

11.10 Film: Frankenstein Unbound (666497)

WESTCOUNTRY

As HTV West except:

12.55 Coronation Street (4675294)

1.25-1.55 Cross Wits (31348497)

1.55 Home and Away (39613010)

2.25 High Road (19932958)

2.55-3.20 Gardeners' Diary (6626942)

5.10 Home and Away (9858855)

6.00-7.00 Westcountry Live (49010)

10.30 Westcountry News (650861)

10.45 Film: Enter the Dragon (14193841)

CENTRAL

As HTV West except:

12.55 Home and Away (4675294)

1.25 Cross Wits (31348497)

1.55-2.20 A Country Practice (69393768)

2.20-3.20 Murder, She Wrote (6238805)

5.10 Shortland Street (9858855)

5.40-6.00 ITN Early Evening News; Weekend Weather (803861)

6.25-7.00 Central News and Weather (445768)

10.40 Film: Blue Thunder (75126809)

12.40am Hotel Babylon (6818695)

1.20 The Good Sex Guide . . . Late (2585985)

2.20 The Chart Show (7713324)

3.15 Dear Nick (6057508)

4.10 Jobfinder (6948237)

5.20 Asian Eye (3182256)

MERIDIAN

As HTV West except:

12.55pm Coronation Street (4675294)

1.25 Home and Away (31348497)

1.55-2.20 Shortland Street (69393768)

2.20 Murder, She Wrote (7130126)

3.15-3.20 Three Minutes - Your Story (7066229)

5.10 Home and Away (9858855)

5.37 Three Minutes - Your Story (523836)

5.40 ITN Early Evening News; Weekend Weather (803861)

6.00-7.00 Meridian Tonight (49010)

10.30 Meridian News and Weather (650861)

10.45 Only a Game! (424652)

11.15 Hunter (431768)

12.10am Music Box Profile (3675782)

5.00 Freescreen (17169)

S4C

Starts: 6.35 The Wonderful Wizard of Oz (5300519) **7.00 The Big Breakfast** (41565) **9.00 The Pink Panther** (7708590) **9.25 Film: Once Upon a Time** (43161045) **11.00 Wild India** (40836) **12.00 Sesame Street** (58768) **1.00pm Slot Meithrin** (44652) **1.30 Film: Weak and Wicked** (92159768) **3.05 Film: An Inspector Calls** (9189519) **4.30 An Inspector Calls** (768) **5.00 Pump: Noc Noc** (8107) **5.30 Fifteen to One** (720) **6.00 Newyddion** (643497) **6.15 Heno** (250132) **7.00 Pobol Y Cwm** (565565) **7.25 Jiwl Jiwl** (723478) **8.00 Clwb Garddio** (9949) **8.30 Newyddion** (6126) **9.00 Y Rhyfel Rhwng** (718213) **9.50 Britannia** (334923) **10.00 Brookside** (15519) **10.30 Rory Bremner — Who Else?** (366855) **11.10 Eurotrash** (928294) **11.40 Flava** (704949) **12.15am Film: Hollywood Shuffle** (889898) **1.45 Film: The Body Stealers** (543053)

6.35am The Wonderful Wizard of Oz (r) (5300519)

7.00 The Big Breakfast (41565)

9.00 The Pink Panther (s) (7708590)

9.25 FILM: Once Upon a Time (1944, b/w) starring Cary Grant as a Broadway producer in need of money, who sees his financial salvation in a dancing caterpillar. Directed by Alexander Hall (43161045)

11.00 Wild India. Animal sanctuaries (r) (Teletext) (s) (40836)

12.00 Garden Party (r) (Teletext) (s) (59890)

12.30pm Sesame Street (r) (37478) **1.30 Alfred J. Kwak** (r) (39709861) **1.55 Raindance** (58178768)

2.00 FILM: A Woman's Face (1941, b/w). Classic melodrama, starring Joan Crawford. Directed by George Cukor (Teletext) (1768)

4.00 Australia Wild (Teletext) (584)

4.30 Fifteen to One (Teletext) (s) (768)

5.00 Rescue (r) (Teletext) (s) (8107)

5.30 An Inspector Calls: Car Capers (r) (Teletext) (s) (720)

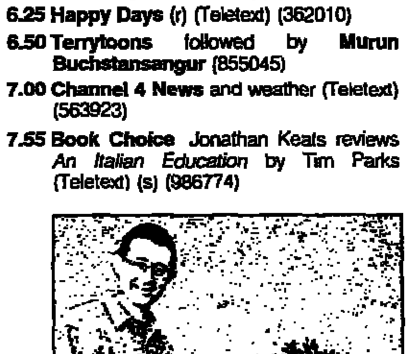
6.00 Hangin' with Mr Cooper: It's a Matter of Principle (Teletext) (s) (285497)

6.25 Happy Days (r) (Teletext) (362010)

6.50 Terrytoons followed by **Murun Buchstansangur** (855045)

7.00 Channel 4 News and weather (Teletext) (563923)

7.55 Book Choice Jonathan Keates reviews *An Italian Education* by Tim Parks (Teletext) (s) (986774)



Tom Barber is put to the test (8.00pm)

8.00 CHOICE **Garden Party** (Teletext) (9949)

8.30 Brookside(Teletext) (s) (6126)

9.00 Cybill. American sit-com starring Cybill Shepherd (Teletext) (s) (4126)

9.30 Father Ted: Flight into Terror. Last, in the series. Flying back from a visit to a holy shrine, the priestly trio find themselves in mortal danger With Ardal O'Hanlon, Dermot Morgan and Frank Kelly (Teletext) (s) (59497)

10.00 Roseanne (Teletext) (s) (15519)

10.30 Rory Bremner — Who Else? More topical, satirical impressions. With John Fortune and John Bird (s) (366855)

11.10 Eurotrash presented by Jean Paul Gaultier and Antoine de Caunes (5/6) (s) (928294)

11.40 Flava. (5/6) Videos by some of the most popular black music-makers of today (s) (704949)

12.15 FILM: Hollywood Shuffle (1987). A black satire starring Anne-Marie Johnson and Starletta Dupois. Directed by Robert Townsend. (889898)

1.45 FILM: The Body Stealers (1969). Starring George Sanders as a Nato official confronted with the bizarre disappearance of paratroopers in mid-descent. Directed by Gerry Levy (543053). Ends at **3.20am**

● For more comprehensive listings of satellite and cable channels, see the Vision supplement, published Saturday

SKY ONE

7.00am Undun (66671) **8.30** What-A-Mess (50652) **9.00** Press Your Luck (7716823) **9.20** Love Connection (9817590) **9.45** The Oprah Winfrey Show (4683590) **10.40** Jeopardy! (9918855) **11.10** Sally Jessy Raphael (3139316) **12.00** Beechy (74774) **1.00pm** Hotel (87294) **2.00** Geraldo (58381) **3.00** Court TV (6768) **3.30** The Oprah Winfrey Show (7356395) **4.15** Undun (7494381) **5.00** Star Trek (5120) **6.00** The Simpsons (4039) **6.30** Jeopardy! (1519) **7.00** LAPD (8749) **7.30** M*A*S*H (5313) **8.00** 3rd Rock from the Sun (7497) **8.30** Jimmy's (2132) **9.00** Walker, Texas Ranger (37213) **10.00** Star Trek (30300) **11.00** Melrose Place (61107) **12.00** The Late Show with David Letterman (2139695) **12.45am** Civil Wars (9286121) **1.30** Anything But Love (41237) **2.00** Hit Mix

SKY NEWS

News on the hour.
9.30am Century (40519) **10.30** ABC Nightline (41958) **1.30pm** CBS News (11565) **2.30** Parliament (54377) **3.30** The Lords (6497) **6.30** Tonight with Adam Boulton (17478) **7.30** Sportsline (38395) **8.30** Entertainment (6854) **11.30** CBS Evening News (82107) **12.30am** ABC World News Tonight (87527) **1.30** Tonight with Adam Boulton Replay (76792) **2.30** Worldwide Report (23409) **3.30** The Lords (73904) **4.30** CBS Evening News (22459) **5.30** ABC World News Tonight (37850)

SKY MOVIES

6.00am Carousel (1956) (63160671) **8.10 Room Service (1938)** (98828294) **10.00 Manhattan Murder Mystery (1993)** (93855) **12.00 Adolf Hitler — My Part in His Downfall (1972)** (62584) **2.00pm Sky Riders (1976)** (21652) **4.00 Shattered Vows (1984)** (5652) **6.00 Manhattan Murder Mystery (1993)** (14316) **8.00 Baby's Day Out (1994)** (19861) **10.00 Nowhere to Run (1993)** (740519) **11.35 Fist of Justice (1993)** (599132) **1.15am Jack Reed: A Search for Justice (1995)** (426614) **2.45 Sex, Love and Cold Hard Cash (1993)** (7856121) **4.10 Adolf Hitler — My Part In His Downfall (1972)** (152492)

SKY MOVIES GOLD

4.00pm The Day the Earth Stood Still (1951) (4584) **6.00 His Girl Friday (1940)** (96958) **8.00 Rocky IV (1985)** (91403) **10.00 The Untouchables (1987)** (65264671) **12.05 Supervixens (1975)** (368965) **1.55am-4.00 The Great Dictator (1940)** (12970430)

THE MOVIE CHANNEL

6.00am Little Nemo: Adventures in Slumberland (1993) (50584) **8.00 Sherlock Holmes: The Valley of Fear (1983)** (94855) **9.00 The Three Musketeers (1992)** (89836) **10.00 3:10 to Yuma (1957)** (91497) **12.00 Children of the Dark (1994)** (60126) **2.00pm Tropic Zone (1953)** (23294) **4.00 Sherlock Holmes: The Valley of Fear (1983)** (96478) **5.00 The Three Musketeers (1992)** (6958) **6.00 Seduced by Evil (1994)** (77045) **7.30 UK Top Ten** (4823) **8.00 The Browning Version (1994)** (17403) **10.00 True Romance (1993)** (62382) **12.00 Motorama (1993)** (617256) **1.45am Shadow of a Doubt (1995)** (196169) **3.20 MacGyver: Trail to Doomsday (1993)** (69812904)

THE DISNEY CHANNEL

Sky Movies Gold takes over from 10pm to 4am.
6.00am The Muppet Babies (92594768) **6.30** Ducktales (36004316) **7.00** Quack Attack (87819749) **7.30** Chip 'n' Dales Rescue Rangers (87821584) **8.00** Darkwing Duck (50659768) **8.30** Adventures in Wonderland (50658039) **9.00** Lamb Chop's Play-along! (50745519) **9.30** Fraggle Rock (54213497) **10.00** Muppet Babies (36922768) **10.30** Welcome to Pooh Corner (50734403) **11.00** Under the Umbrella Tree (97065652) **11.30** Dumbo's Circus (97065381) **12.00** Disney Presents (54296720) **1.00pm** FILM: The Boy with the Green Hair (92677045) **2.30** Under the Umbrella Tree (45757229) **3.00** Ducktales (47641671) **3.30** Quack Attack (45752774) **4.00** Chip 'n' Dales Rescue Rangers (45668387) **4.30** Darkwing Duck (45664565) **5.00** Cyberstar (97065126) **6.30** Flipper (91490126) **7.30** Eyewitness (45665294) **8.00** FILM: A Fighting Choice (27070720) **9.35-10.00** Making of Muppet Treasure Island (89973958)

EUROSPORT

7.30am Sailing (22478) **8.00** Table Tennis (32039) **9.00** Motorcycling Magazine (44126) **9.30** Modern Pentathlon (54045) **10.00** Pentathlon (95836) **10.30** Eurofun (33010) **11.00** Live Tennis (9201565) **6.00pm** Live Artistic Gymnastics (70942) **8.00** Aerobics (71671) **9.00** Tennis (68107) **10.00** Sumo (61294) **11.00** International Motorsports Report (25519) **12.00-12.30am** Pro Wrestling (45661)

SKY SPORTS

7.00am Futbol Mundial (14403) **7.30** Wrestling — Action Zone (99768) **8.30** Racing (35478) **9.00** Aerobics (22958) **9.30** Trans World Sport (82565) **10.30** Formula Three Racing (48942) **11.00** Boots 'n All (19958) **12.00** Aerobics (79300) **1.00pm** Sports Unlimited (55720) **2.00** Ford Scorpio PGA European Tour Golf: Spanish Open (241294) **5.00** Wrestling — Raw (3836) **6.00** Sports Centre Special: FA Cup Final Preview (75584) **7.00** Super League: Paris v Leeds (927942) **9.30** Sports Centre Special: FA Cup Final Preview (59565) **10.30** End Zone — World League of American Football Preview (92107) **11.30** Skiff Sailing (99652) **12.00** Super League: Paris v Leeds (89695) **1.00am** Sports Centre Special: FA Cup Final Preview (53695) **2.00-4.30** Big Time Boxing: Lennox Lewis v Ray Mercer (486879)

SKY SPORTS 2

7.00pm The Winning Post: Stratford and Market Rasen (6660805) **9.00** US PGA Golf: GTE Byron Nelson Classic (9692039) **11.00** European Golf PGA Tour: Spanish Open (9306519) **12.30am-1.00** Inside the PGA Senior Tour (7652091)

THE CHRISTIAN CHANNEL

4.00am Thought for the Day **4.05** Worship **4.15** Kids TV **4.30** Living Word **5.00** Voice of Victory with Kenneth and Gloria Copeland **5.30** Christian Music TV **5.45** Living Word **6.15** This Is Your Day with Benny Hinn **6.45-7.00** Good Morning Europe

SKY SOAP

7.00am Guiding Light (8525687) **7.55** As the World Turns (2540720) **8.50** Peyton Place (7880774) **9.20** Days of Our Lives (1535294) **10.10-11.00** Another World (4603749)

SKY TRAVEL

11.00am Globetrotter (6741652) **11.30** America's Great Outdoors (4951126) **12.30pm** Bruce and Bob Eat America (3424652) **1.00** Getaway (2161630) **1.30** Great Escapes (3423923) **2.00** Florida (4439229) **2.30** Cruising the Globe (9897403) **3.00** Globetrotter (4345836) **3.30** Around the World... in 30 Minutes (7082720) **3.55-4.00** Holiday Shop (99404774)

THE HISTORY CHANNEL

4.00pm Weapons at War (6838132) **5.00** Mysteries of the Bible (4432316) **6.00-7.00** Biography: Dean Martin (3432671)

THE SCI-FI CHANNEL

1.00am The Six Million Dollar Man (9279411) **2.00** FILM: The Day Mars Invaded Earth (24577492) **3.10-4.00** Ripley's Believe It or Not (5117324)

TLC

9.00am Simply Painting (1897687) **9.30** Gardeners' Diary (7749010) **10.00** Dogs with Dunbar (5536923) **10.30** Our House (1713671) **11.00** Room for Improvement (6285652) **11.30** Craftwise (6286381) **12.00** Julia Child (1704923) **12.30pm** The Frugal Gourmet (7750126) **1.00** Yan Can Cook (7664519) **1.30** Furniture to Go (7759497) **2.00** Our House (1928478) **2.30** The Garden Show (1958565) **3.00** Screaming Reels (1930213) **3.30-4.00** This Old House (1953310)

Albert Finney and Greta Scacchi (Movie Channel, 8.00pm)

UK GOLD

7.00am Rentaghost (7561478) **7.30** Neighbours (7573213) **8.00** Sons and Daughters (1703294) **8.30** EastEnders (1702565) **9.00** The Bill (1899045) **9.30** The Sullivans (7756768) **10.00** Bergerac (7579497) **11.00** Bullseye (6287010) **11.30** Gibberish (7400300) **12.05pm** Sons and Daughters (55316671) **12.30** Neighbours (7752584) **1.00** EastEnders (5126300) **1.35** Sykes (7408836) **2.15** The Liver Birds (7851403) **2.50** Terry and June (9276478) **3.30** The Bill (1962768) **4.00** Minder (6374590) **5.00** Every Second Counts (7886958) **5.45** 'Allo 'Allo! (6377590) **6.25** EastEnders (4345316) **7.00** The Best of Top of the Pops (2132749) **8.00** Bullseye (1933300) **8.30** To the Manor Born (1929107) **9.00** Lytton's Diary (1227861) **10.00** The Bill (4788381) **10.35** Alexei Sayle's Stuff (9686045) **11.10** Minder (2415403) **12.15am** FILM: The Thirty-Nine Steps (2703782)

TCC

6.00am Swan's Crossing (67652) **6.30** Degrassi Junior High (85584) **7.00** Ready or Not (17671) **7.30** California Dreams (64738) **8.00** Byker Grove (69403) **8.30** Halfway Across the Galaxy and Turn Left (68774) **9.00** Pink Panther (86126) **9.30** Garfield and Friends (96045) **10.00** Eek the Cat (76836) **10.30** Creepy Crawlers (75010) **11.00** Casper and Friends (65590) **11.30** Dinobabies (73519) **12.00** Tiny TCC (62590) **12.30pm** Tiny TCC (66328) **1.30** Sesame Street (38887) **2.30** Tiny TCC (3584) **3.00** Eek the Cat (6942) **3.30** Pink Panther (8229) **4.00** California Dreams (4836) **4.30-5.00** Byker Grove (3720)

NICKELODEON

6.00am Dungeons and Dragons (21836) **6.30** Galaxy High School (80958) **7.00** Mr Men (4928855) **7.05** Teenage Turtles (3272565) **7.45** Rugrats (5781213) **8.00** Doug (4469565) **8.15** Aaahh!!! Real Monsters (4555316) **8.30** Rocko's Modern Life (26720) **9.00** Biker Mice from Mars (40300) **9.30** Pet Shop (67519) **10.00** Bananas in Pyjamas (5331942) **10.05** Bananas in Pyjamas (5330213) **10.10** Babar (9878768) **10.35** Topsy and Tim (7364749) **10.40** Barney (7450590) **10.45** Bananas in Pyjamas (7459861) **10.50** Banans in Pyjamas (7374126) **11.00** Children's BBC (37300) **12.00** Magic School Bus (37836) **12.30pm** Grimmy (65107) **1.00** Denver the Last Dinosaur (11316) **1.30** Visionaries (64478) **2.00** Littlest Pet Shop (4519) **2.30** Children's BBC (41403) **3.30** Mighty Max (2213) **4.00** Santo Bugito (1720) **4.30** Rugrats (4275565) **4.45** Doug (4263720) **5.00** Sister Sister (5671) **5.30** Clarissa (1584) **6.00** Alex Mack (8497) **6.30-7.00** Are You Afraid of the Dark? (9749)

DISCOVERY

4.00pm Time Travellers (1045045) **4.30** Human/Nature (1041229) **5.00** Deep Probe Expeditions (1921565) **6.00** Charlie Bravo (1959294) **6.30** Beyond 2000 (5030881) **7.30** Mysteries, Magic and Miracles (1042958) **8.00** Jurassica 2 (2149039) **9.00** Justice Files (2225403) **10.00** Sunday Drivers (2228590) **11.00-12.00** The Claims Men (7578768)

BRAVO

12.00 Robin Hood (1708749) **12.30pm** William Tell (7747652) **1.00** Jason King (7742107) **2.00** Return of the Saint (5931478) **3.00** The Saint (6284923) **4.00** FILM: Where the River Runs Black (1938855) **6.00** Danger Man (1946720) **6.30** The Gossip Show (5034107) **7.30** Weekly World News (1965584) **8.00** Return of the Saint (2136565) **9.00** UFO (2229229) **10.00-12.00** FILM: Chopper Chicks in Zombie Town (6283294)

PARAMOUNT

7.00pm Different Strokes (2107) **7.30** Entertainment (4861) **8.00** Due South (57045) **9.00** Soap (36010) **9.30** Taxi (78671) **10.00** Frasier (38565) **10.30** Shine Friday (15590) **12.30am** Soap (72459) **1.00** Taxi (78817) **1.30** Laverne and Shirley (85695) **2.00** Entertainment (89508) **2.30** Frontline — Series II (91343) **3.00** Bob (58053) **3.30-4.00** Dr Katz (82695)

UK LIVING

6.00am Kilroy (8529590) **7.00** Esther (5131584) **7.30** Young and Restless (1308805) **8.20** Galdrags and Glamour (6480395) **8.30** Gardeners' World (8407652) **9.00** Masterchef 92 (6053923) **9.35** Kate and Allie (7460818) **10.00** Entertainment (5541942) **10.05** Jerry Springer (2811774) **11.00** Young and Restless (7206294) **11.55** A Cook's Tour of France (6083316) **12.30pm** Dangerous Women (6633377) **1.20** Catchword (8721774) **2.00** Agony Hour (5219836) **3.00** Live at Three (8493565) **4.00** Infatuation UK (9808749) **4.30** Crosswits (2279861) **5.05** Lingo (15922720) **5.30** Lucky Ladders (8811213) **6.00** Bewitched (9818126) **6.30** Ready, Steady, Cook (9809478) **7.00** Paula Yates (5775841) **7.35** Joker's Wild (7752861) **8.00** Street Legal (1978836) **9.00** FILM: Fatal Memories (72613039) **10.50** Entertainment (8743497) **11.00-12.00** Sex Files II (5213132)

FAMILY CHANNEL

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Indians dented by Hick's hammer

By Michael Henderson

WORCESTER (second day of three): Worcestershire, with six first-innings wickets in hand, are 91 runs ahead of the Indians

NO MATTER what the outside world thinks of Graeme Hick — and nobody, surely, can be neutral on this issue — in Worcester, he stands taller than Napoleon or Bismarck. He could stroll down New Road in his birthday suit and people would reassure him: "Oh my, Mr Hick, how fine are your garments today."

They stood to him yesterday after he made the tenth double-century of his career against an inadequate attack and, though he rarely gives the impression of enjoying his batting, he did at least acknowledge the reception. As he has done so often before, Hick assaulted the bowlers with a power that only Graham Gooch, among modern English batsmen, can approach. It was daunting, as the monumental is, but it was also a bit boring.

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How, some curious souls may wonder, can it ever be boring watching a talented batsman dominate a day's play so completely against international opponents? He found the boundary 30 times and struck Hirwani, the leg spinner, for six sixes. Does that not denote a formidable range of stroke?

Up to a point, it does. Only an implacable foe would deny that he played well. Kumble, who bowled so splendidly for Northamptonshire last year and is not used to cavalier treatment, was pulled, swept and cut by a man for whom wrist spin clearly held no terrors. That was the case three years ago, when Hick made 187 against the Australians on this ground before Shane Warne was avenged in the Test series that followed.

Where Hick is concerned, we really ought to hold our horses.

It could be that, two weeks short of his thirtieth birthday, he has blossomed into a Test batsman of indisputable class. He ended last summer strongly, wintered well in South Africa and is now a fixture in the national team although, tellingly, nobody trusts him to bat for England where he has always done for Worcestershire — first wicket down.

It would be more truthful to say that he remains the same player, with the same virtues and the same failings. He has never been the most handsome batsman, and never will be even if he doubles his tally of 86 first-class hundreds. Nobody plays more effectively against bowling at this level, which is why such an innings, though bracing, was utterly without significance.

His most pleasing strokes came against Kumble in the morning, when he cut the bowler three times for four, late and — for him — almost gently. After lunch, with a hundred completed and a second one coming into view, Hirwani went for 27 runs in an over that included three sixes. There was not much that this Indian team could do about it on a slow pitch, with no Srinath to call on.

Prasad, who has a nice steady action, will partner Srinath in the Tests. There is nobody else, except Mhambrey, who looked ordinary yesterday. Kumble everybody knows about; he can bowl and will serve India well when the weather improves and limbs get looser. As for Hirwani, on this showing, it could be a profitless summer.

Hick had some help. With Weston, he added 300 in 61 overs, a county record for the second wicket. Weston perished two runs short of a hundred. After his departure, and Hick's the next over to a catch at mid-wicket, minds wandered. In the pale evening sunshine, the cathedral looked marvellous.

GRAHAM MORRIS

Hick crashes the ball to the cover boundary during his double-century for Worcestershire against the Indians at New Road yesterday

Knighton ventures south in vain

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York City	3

By Oliver Holt

TWELVE days after parents led sobbing children from the stands and ambulancemen tended to spectators injured by missiles hurled by spectators invading the pitch, a match that should only ever have been a routinely mediocre and desperate relegation battle claimed one last casualty yesterday when it got its second playing at the Goldstone Ground.

In an act of compelling, if unwitting, mock-heroism, Michael Knighton, the Carlisle United chairman and one-time meddler in Manchester United, journeyed the length of the country in the forlorn hope of seeing Brighton deny York City the point that they needed to save themselves and send Carlisle into the third division of the Endsleigh Insurance League. When it was over and York had rubbed salt into the wounds by coasting to a comfortable victory, Knighton marched over to the press box and launched a stolid attack on the iniquities of the Football League allowing the game to be replayed so long after Carlisle had finished their own programme. He said that he would meet his lawyers today to discuss further action.

"I shall be seeking an audience with the League," Knighton told a sympathetic reporter from Radio Cumbria, "although I probably have a better chance of an audience with the Pope."

By then, everyone seemed to have forgotten the events of April 27, when the first attempt to complete the match had foundered after 15 minutes. Brighton supporters ran on to the pitch to protest about the sale of their ground and a scheme to share with Portsmouth, ripped down nets and goalposts and attempted to storm the directors' box. The referee abandoned the game.

Yesterday, the news in Brighton was all about a man who had been caught wearing boxing shorts and shoes stolen from Chris Eubank, while the faces of the players from the team that lost the 1983 FA Cup Final to Manchester United stared out from the back page of the local paper, as if they were relics from another age. Inside the Goldstone, pacified, perhaps, by the abandonment of the ground-share plan and the promise of another year at the stadium they have occupied for 94 years, the home supporters stood serenely behind the goal, out-numbered and out-shouted by York's. There were a few half-hearted chants aimed at David Bellotti, the chief executive, a few more of "sack the board", but this was an 11am kick-off, after all. The crowd of 2,106 was Brighton's lowest since the war.

There was a brief pitch invasion, but it came from the away supporters in the South Stand when Gary Bull volleyed in York's equaliser in the 54th minute. There were further eruptions when Stephenson put York in front with a curler from the edge of the area two minutes later and when Jordan wrapped things up with a right-foot shot after 88 minutes.

Rowe, the Brighton forward, and Sharples, the York central defender, kept the spirit of the previous encounter alive when they were sent off for fighting on the hour. In the stands, Knighton was doing his bit, too. When he was asked about why the York City chairman had appeared to gesture dismissively at him when the third goal went in, his reply was succinct. "Don't ask me to talk about the York chairman," he said. "I might get arrested."

BRIGHTON (4-3-3): N Rust — P Smith (sub: S Fox, 84min), D Allan, G Hobson (sub: J Byrne, 28), S Myall — D Wilkins, G Parris, D Mundee (sub: J McDougald, 70) — Z Rowe, C Maskell, S Storer

YORK CITY (4-4-2): D Kiely — A McMillan, J Sharples, P Atkin, P Atkinson — G Murty (sub: D Williams, 87), N Pepper, S Jordan, P Stephenson — G Naylor (sub: R Cresswell, 54), G Bull

Referee: G Pooley.

Liverpool find added motivation in England selection

By Peter Ball

MANCHESTER United go to Wembley tomorrow seeking their second FA Cup and FA Carling Premiership double in three years. Roy Evans, the Liverpool manager, said that his team goes there needing to win to remove a feeling of frustration at a season of "slight under-achievement".

"We've had a reasonable season," Evans said before the team left for their Wembley headquarters yesterday. "If we win the Cup, we will have had a good season, but, although winning cups is fantastic, the league is the thermometer of how you've done as a team and that shows we were a little bit away.

"I felt we could have won the Premiership. On our day, we are as good as anybody — some days, we can be absolutely fantastic — but, on others, there is a bit of naivety. I think the players have matured individually, but we need to mature as a team."

If Liverpool needed motivation for the FA Cup Final, Terry Venables may have unwittingly provided it when he announced his England squad on Wednesday. The decision to leave Stan Collymore and David James on the outside looking in will give the pair every incentive to excel at Wembley, with a rare opportunity to display their wares to the England coach. The omission of James, who was voted the best goalkeeper in the Premiership this season by his peers, in particular has stung Liverpool.

"Terry has got a lot of strikers to pick from and I know how hard it is picking your own team," Evans said. "The one we expected more to be in the squad was David James. He has had a fantastic season, but we don't pick the England team."

Evans was announcing his team to the players last night, a task that he was not looking forward to. "Telling people they are not playing in a Cup Final is horrible and it was the first thing I thought when I woke up this morning," he said.

☐ Georgi Kinkladze, the Manchester City and Georgia midfield player, was reported yesterday to be having talks in Spain with Barcelona.

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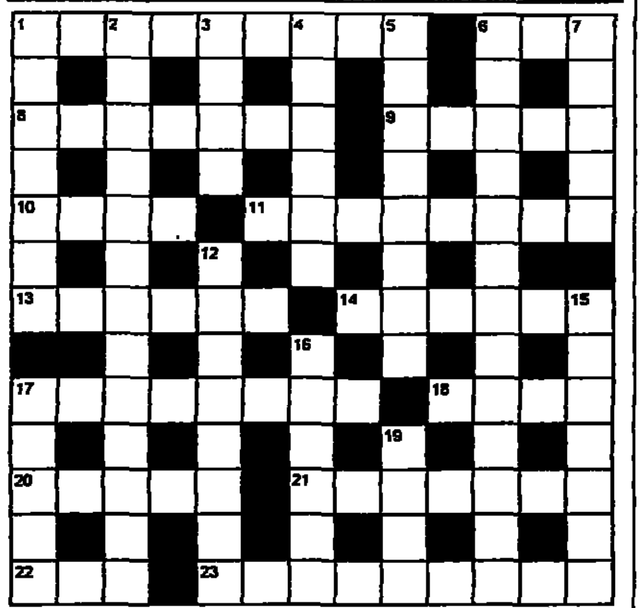

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6 Was ahead; conducted (3)
8 Exuding joy (7)
9 Ability, authority, to act (5)
10 David —, Scot. philosopher (4)
11 Unimportant children, fish (5,3)
13 Soothing liquid (6)
14 Herbert —, US Depression president (6)
17 Busy road, rail period (4,4)
18 Homework *(abbr.)* (4)
20 Warning signal (5)
21 Get cosily warm, close (7)
22 Possessed; tricked (3)
23 Mid-morning snack (9)

DOWN
1 Arctic whale (7)
2 Wax-museum founder (6,7)
3 Style, vigour (4)
4 Japanese floor-mat (6)
5 French emperor (8)
6 Randomness rule (3,2,8)
7 Old PM; a city; a race (5)
12 Exuberant good humour (8)
15 Forcibly put down (7)
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Players live by code that matters

Simon Barnes on the real lessons to be learnt from a footnote in rugby history

There is nothing dramatic about sanity. Thus, though there was an earth-shattering outbreak of sanity at Maine Road on Wednesday, and though the standard issue eejit on the public address system used the word "historical" exactly 317 times, this could never be anything other than a humdrum occasion.

Wigan, the rugby league side and England's finest sporting dynasty of recent times, took on Bath, who seek the same goal in rugby union. I do not know quite how many times I have written that this would never happen — about 317? — but at least I was right about the result.

However, I was wrong in thinking that it would matter. It does not mean a thing that Wigan won 82-6 under league rules, nor will it matter who wins under union rules at Twickenham when the clubs play the second leg of the challenge on May 25.

It was a billed as an "I-was-there" occasion. If so, it was not to witness a miracle — it was a pilgrimage, a mere act of piety. We knelt briefly before the altar of history and passed on.

For this was merely a quarrel from last century. It was not a marital orgy of reconciliation; it was the truly shocking discovery that it was possible to have a civilised drink with someone with whom you have been quarrelling bitterly for 101 years.

If there was a truth, it was to be found in the eyes of the players. Shaun Edwards, Wigan's *chef d'orchestre*, kept his eyes modestly lowered as he accepted congratulations for a modest achievement, but with Mike Catt, Bath's stand-off half, the eyes were raised, shining.

For years, union players have heard that they will never last the pace or the physical challenge of rugby league. On Wednesday, Catt and his colleagues gave and took their big hits, and then got up again. They were run ragged at the start, but they actually got better, and they actually scored a try. True, they got hammered and Wigan eased up, but they tackled their brains out. They had, to employ the mantra of the great Ellery Hanley, put their bodies on the line.

Athletes are not interested in making history, they are interested in competition, and the Bath players were alight with the delights of confrontation. They had lost a game, but they had passed a test of manhood and of their self-esteem as professional athletes. No wonder they glowed.

The colonel's lady and Judy O'Grady are sisters under the skin. Well, it is now clear that the stars of Varsity match and St Patrick's School, Wigan are siblings too. Or to switch poets on you, Allen Ginsberg once declared that the world's problems would be solved the instant Khrushchev and Kennedy got naked together. At last, the two codes got together in the form of players rather than officials, in naked competiton — and they discovered, shock-horror, that tearing lumps off each other was bloody good fun.

For sport is about players, not about the power-crazed gerontocracy that runs it — men, mostly, convinced forever that the only sporting truths are to be found in the days when they, too, could tackle like demons. They live by the notion that no player is bigger than the game, forgetting that, without players, there is no game.

The Rugby Football Union (RFU), perhaps put out by the outbreak of peace between the two codes, is enmeshed in a series of shattering rows with everybody else. It is fighting the other rugby nations on the one hand and all the leading clubs on the other. It is a double-whammy of genius — other sporting bodies could effortlessly encompass either one, but perhaps only the RFU could manage both.

Oh, to have a sport without officials — well, may as well pine for a democracy without politicians. We, as spectators, though, should appreciate the fact that truths lie in matches, not in committee-rooms, in the eyes of players, not in the endless rows and nonsenses of administrators.

The only truths of the 101-year split between the two codes were those of social history — class warfare, and hypocrisy. The myth of amateurism has long been exposed as a lie; now it is a fading dream. Did people really pretend that it was true? Did they really convince themselves that there was virtue in a brown envelope full of fivers and a sinecure, villainy in a cheque?

Well, it does not matter any more, save to social historians. Wednesday night gave us one of those historical punctuation marks, that is all. Wigan and Bath can now continue their respective hegemonies.

After Wednesday, there is just a little bit less nonsense in the world, and that is worth a small cheer. D. H. Lawrence told us never to trust the teller, trust the tale. I say never trust the sport, trust the players.

Wigan pose threat in union sevens

IN THE first of two visits to Twickenham, Wigan have a better chance of embarrassing rugby union, by winning the Middlesex sevens tomorrow, than of upsetting Bath in the second leg of the cross-code challenge, under union laws, on May 25 (Christopher Irvine writes).

Martin Offiah, the scorer of six tries in the 82-6 league leg on Wednesday, played impressively for Rosslyn Park in the 1987 Middlesex final, after which he joined Widnes. Offiah has a sevens pedigree in both codes. He scored four tries for Wigan in the 1991 rugby league world sevens final.

Va'aiga Tuigamala, Scott Quinnell, who is bound for Richmond, and Shem Tatupu, the Western Samoa forward, are fellow converts from union in Wigan's squad for their Twickenham debut. Fitness checks will be carried out on Tuigamala, Rob Smyth and Simon Haughton.

Alan Tait, the Leeds and former Scotland union full back, is to play union in winter and league in summer for both Leeds clubs.

Cardiff Arms Park is the rearranged venue for the Stones Super League game between Sheffield Eagles and St Helens on June 8.

WIGAN (from): K Radlinski, M Offiah, J Robinson, G Connolly, V Tuigamala, H Paul, S Edwards, A Farrell, S Quinnell, R Smyth, S Haughton, S Tatupu, C Murdoch

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South Africa plunges into economic gloom

R. W. Johnson analyses the political and financial crisis that has developed as the Mandela Government celebrates the new South African Constitution

SOUTH AFRICA'S new Constitution has been launched in a mixture of celebration, euphoria, and a political and financial crisis.

The news that F. W. de Klerk's National Party had decided to withdraw from the Government of National Unity, and the likelihood that this would also mean the withdrawal of Chief Mangosuthu Buthelezi's Inkatha Freedom Party, hit all South African markets hard yesterday. Equities, bonds and the rand plummeted.

The currency, which had fallen more than 20 per cent in the past two months, had dropped in value from 4.38 to the dollar to 4.49 on the rumour that the National Party might leave the Government, and fell further, to 4.54, once the move was confirmed.

The mood in the market, which fell 103.3 points yesterday, was one of utter despondency. This week it has had to absorb the spectacle of the Government backing a national strike against itself, a complete cave-in to trade union demands on the Constitution and the surprise resignation of the chief civil servant in the Finance Ministry weeks after the minister had quit.

Even last week's interest rate increase, which has given South Africa the highest real interest rates in the world, has failed to save the currency. The mortgage rate is now running at 18.25 per cent. "It's panic," one dealer said. "No one wants to invest in a failing currency and country."

The National Party's move took many by surprise, coming straight after its vote in favour of the new Constitution. However, the party and the liberal Democratic Party failed in the constitutional negotiations to secure protection for their key constituencies. The African National Congress has rejected a clause guaranteeing property rights, has struck out a clause giving employers and workers equal rights in industrial disputes, and has allowed only the weakest of face-saving formulas over single-language schools.

In addition, all the National Party's attempts to gain some guarantee of future power-sharing have been cast aside by the ANC in favour of simple majority rule.

Ultimately, the National Party's negotiators advised their caucus to vote for the Constitution simply to keep the few crumbs of comfort they had gained — for if the party had voted against, the ANC had threatened to ram through by a divisive and probably violent referendum a constitution which would have removed even the slight concessions it had made to minorities. The National Party took what little it could get and then decided to get out.

The prospect of the ANC running the Government on its own is likely to lead to despondency not only in the market, which is extremely unimpressed by ANC ministers, but among the white, Indian and Coloured minorities. Moreover, Inkatha's probable exit from the Government could well see a further flare-up of violence in KwaZulu/Natal.

There is considerable public nervousness as homeowners watch the value of their assets plummet with the currency. White emigration, already at near record levels, is likely to rise. It seems likely, too, that the regional coalition governments which rule the nine provinces could now also collapse.

The National Party's decision may well have been based on the fact that the previous fall in the rand was likely to produce a ripple of rising inflation, strikes, lower investment and thus lower growth. In addition, it is possible that the party has decided the Government needs to be taught some hard lessons by the market and is hoping that the ANC will ultimately have to beg it to return on better terms.

Trevor Manuel, the inexperienced new Finance Minister, faces a baptism of fire. When the currency first passed the benchmark of four to the dollar, he ridiculed "this amorphous thing called the market" and promised that "speculators will lose their shirts" as the rand rose again.

In the event, it is Mr Manuel who has lost his shirt and worse could be ahead. In April alone, the country's foreign reserves fell by 37.6 per cent, leaving only £1.73 billion. The last nine days will have wiped this out and there is now no prospect that the Government can get through May without help. Thus the possibility looms that the first act of the one-party ANC Government will have to be to throw the country on the mercy of the International Monetary Fund that it hates so much.

President Mandela has cut a strange figure these past few days, laughing, celebrating, and transparently out of touch with the national crisis. Having tried desperately to keep the National Party in the Government, he has now claimed that its withdrawal "could strengthen South Africa".

The country's media are full of euphoria about the Constitution and congratulations are pouring in from foreign governments at the same time that the markets are delivering a thunderous vote of no-confidence.

Mandela woos investors

Cape Town: President Mandela yesterday assured business leaders and investors that South Africa had a bright future reaching far beyond his own lifetime.

"There will be life after Mandela," the 77-year-old President told a breakfast news conference at the Press Club to mark the adoption of the country's new constitution on Wednesday. He told the journalists that his party, the African National Congress, had plenty of young talent that "in many respects stands head and shoulders above Mandela".

"Ministers are showing new confidence, plans are falling into place, programmes are unfolding," he said, adding that, since leaving prison in 1990, "I have treated business as a major partner".

Over the past two days Mr Mandela has pushed a particular message: there will be no black-against-white politics on the part of the ANC. The goal was consensus, not winners and losers, he said.

F. W. de Klerk announces in Cape Town yesterday that his National Party is to leave the Government

Tasmania tragedy boosts Howard

FROM ROBERT MAYNARD IN SYDNEY

JOHN HOWARD, Australia's Prime Minister whose Liberal-National Party coalition was swept to victory two months ago, is enjoying the sort of honeymoon most politicians only dream of.

Given such a huge mandate by the electorate after 13 years of Labor rule, the Liberal leader might have been tempted to sit back. But the massacre in Tasmania 12 days ago has shown Mr Howard to be a tough and uncompromising leader with an emotional side to his character that few would have believed possible a couple of weeks ago.

Television coverage of him comforting relatives and emergency workers at the Hobart memorial service for the 35 victims of the Port Arthur shootings have added to his stature.

It was therefore no surprise that an opinion poll published in the *Sydney Morning Herald* this week claimed he was the most admired Liberal Prime Minister in three decades.

The survey gave him an approval rating of 62 per cent, with only 18 per cent disapproving of his performance. The figure is the same as that enjoyed by Gough Whitlam in the heady days of Labor's 1972 victory and almost as high as the rating enjoyed by Bob Hawke after he became Prime Minister in 1983.

Mr Howard's popularity has increased since he came to power, with the gap between his approval and disapproval ratings surging from four to 41 points.

It is a measure of his resolve and a reflection of the electorate's mood that Australia could soon have the most draconian anti-gun laws in the world. Today the Prime Minister will host a summit of state police ministers to discuss a complete ban on automatic and semi-automatic firearms. Mr Howard says the ban is non-negotiable.

Hezbollah bomb ends border truce

FROM CHRISTOPHER WALKER IN JERUSALEM

SOUNDS of heavy artillery returned to the Israel-Lebanon border region yesterday for the first time since the April 27 ceasefire as Israeli and south Lebanese gunners responded to a Hezbollah roadside bomb attack inside the Israeli-occupied buffer zone.

The renewed fighting was a grim reminder of the fragile nature of the American-negotiated ceasefire on the eve of today's first meeting in Washington of the five-nation group monitoring its operation.

The shelling, which Israel Radio said was aimed at the south Lebanese village of Jabal al-Rafaa, came after Iranian-backed Hezbollah fighters wounded two members of the Israeli-financed South Lebanon Army — one seriously — with a booby-trapped bomb detonated as a squad was on patrol.

Although the attack, the first to cause casualties since the ceasefire, did not breach the terms of that unsigned agreement, it underscored its tenuous nature. Under terms secured after a week of diplomatic shuttling by the US Secretary of State Warren Christopher, only attacks against civilians are ruled out.

The single-page ceasefire document permits the continuation of Hezbollah attacks on Israeli targets inside the nine-mile wide "security" zone occupied by Israel since 1985 and, in turn, permits both sides the right of self-defence. Many observers fear the whole cycle of tit-for-tat violence could begin again if civilians on either side are hit.

Local officials said that, as well as returning heavy artillery and mortar shells, Israeli warplanes mounted mock air raids on villages. Hours before the explosion, Hezbollah's military commander said the recent frontline calm was tactical, adding: "Nothing has changed with regard to the performance of the resistance."

Differences over monitoring the ceasefire have been reported by diplomatic sources in advance of today's scheduled meeting. Syria and Lebanon reportedly want the group — which also includes Israel, the United States and France — to focus on the ceasefire's technical aspects. Israel and America want political and economic dimensions included. Israeli officials hope further meetings can be held in Cyprus.

Yesterday Timor Goksel, spokesman for the UN peacekeeping force in south Lebanon, said the force could not function without Israeli co-operation. Israel has threatened to withdraw that co-operation after a UN report said it was unlikely the attack on the Qana UN base, which killed more than 100 civilians, was accidental.

US judge allows extradition of Hamas suspect to Israel

FROM QUENTIN LETTS IN NEW YORK

A LEADER of Hamas, the militant Palestinian organisation, lost an important battle in his fight against extradition from the United States.

A federal judge in New York ruled that Mousa Abu Marzook, a self-declared senior Hamas member, can be extradited to face trial in Israel. Mr Marzook, 45, is accused of involvement in ten bomb attacks in Israel between 1990 and 1994 which killed 47 people and injured 148.

Judge Kevin Duffy, after reading files supplied by the Israeli Government, found "more than sufficient evidence" to show that Mr Marzook was involved in the bombings. "Probable cause exists that Marzook knew of Hamas's plan to carry out violent, murderous attacks, that he selected the leadership and supplied money to enable the attacks to take place," he said. He did not believe Mr Marzook's claim that the money he raised in America was for hospitals and schools in the Middle East.

Mr Marzook has lived in America for 14 years and was arrested last July when trying to re-enter the country after a holiday. A crucial witness against Mr Marzook was Muhammad al-Hamid Kalil-Salah, a former secondhand car dealer from Chicago and Hamas member, who said that much of the money raised at mosques in North America ended up buying weapons for Hamas gunmen.

Judge Duffy's finding was last night welcomed by Jewish American lobby groups, but Mr Marzook's representatives criticised it as political. In reality, however, months of appeals will follow before Mr Marzook boards any flight to Israel.

Voters hail Museveni as healer after tribal feuds scar Uganda

FROM SAM KILEY IN LOWERO, UGANDA

BAKIA KABEGANO sheltered from a downpour beneath the tin roof of Lowero's Kasama health centre, grinning through cracked teeth at the certainty of victory for President Museveni in yesterday's Ugandan presidential polls.

At 50, she looked well into her eighties. The agonising years of post-independence Ugandan history had been etched on her face and, with a machete, on her body. Her right index finger was missing and her legs carried the marks of panga wounds.

In Lowero, 35 miles west of the capital, Kampala, once the centre of Milton Obote's campaign against his opponents in which a million people died, voters waited patiently in a freezing rainstorm.

Mr Museveni, who drove President Obote from power in 1986 after a six-year bush war, used a picture of Mr Obote's victim's skulls piled 5ft high in Lowero's central square to drive home his warnings against a return of Mr Obote's policies in the guise of the President's main rival, Paul Ssemogerere.

Local residents — some, like Mrs Kabegano, had walked several miles to vote — needed no cheap campaign tricks to remind them of their past.

"I am so happy to be voting. We suffered so much over the years, but for the last ten this man [Mr Museveni] has kept peace and saved us from more terror. Now we can sleep safely at night," she said. Mrs Kabegano lost four close family members during the pogroms of the early 1980s.

Criticised by the West for refusing to allow the formation of political parties for another four years, Mr Museveni argued that Ugandans were too ill-educated and prone to tribal and religious divisions to manage Westminster-style politics. But the better educated of Lowero fully endorsed Mr Museveni's argument for consensual politics as an African, democratic alternative to a return to political parties with a bloody past.

Standing in the inadequate shelter of a pepper tree, Augustin Musinguzi, 29, a businessman who also bore the scars of bullet wounds and a hunger-induced skin disease, said: "Since independence, we have not had the chance to participate in free and fair elections like this.

"In 1980 [when Obote was elected] we had his youth-wingers telling voters that if they didn't vote for him, they would be dead. Some were killed even before ballots had been counted. Now you can see someone who may vote another way, and leave him alone."

Mr Musinguzi is suspicious of the unofficial alliance between Dr Ssemogerere's Democratic Party and the exiled Mr Obote's Uganda People's Congress.

At the polling station one of the candidates' agents said: "We've had some serious irregularities here. Some people have come to the station wearing campaign badges for Museveni."

By African electoral standards, this did not sound like a major political scandal. But the returning officer said: "That is a very serious breach of the rules and we sent them home to take them off before they could vote."

Museveni: Uganda not ready for pluralism

Obote: a million of his opponents were killed

Mexicans go bats after vampire gets their goats

BY QUENTIN LETTS

GOAT farmers in Mexico claim that their livestock is under attack from a large, but as yet unseen, vampire bat.

The mysterious creature has been nicknamed *chupacabra* (goatsucker) after the discovery of dead goats with twin tooth marks a third of an inch apart on their necks. Local witnesses have said that the animals have been left drained of blood.

In the southern state of Chiapas on Wednesday, 28 rams were found with the tell-tale puncture marks. The dead animals are to be studied by the Mexican-American commission for the prevention of exotic diseases. According to a Mexican Agriculture Ministry statement, the rams' blood had been taken from their veins. Similar attacks have been reported in six other states. In Sinaloa, farmers have formed vigilante squads to watch over their goats at night. Ranchers have been in a state of disquiet and peasants are said to be in a state of fear. The goatsucking demon has entered popular song and has been hailed in lurid newspaper headlines. There is even a *chupacabra* video game. Some government officials have sought to play down the animal deaths, however, and dismiss talk of the *chupacabra* as little more than a Mexican version of the "Beast of Bodmin", which occasionally pops up in the West Country. They suggest that the alleged vampire bat may in reality be a wolf or some form of cat.

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Rao quits as poll heralds tide of change for India

FROM CHRISTOPHER THOMAS IN DELHI

INDIA'S governing Congress Party, the commanding political force in the world's largest democracy for half a century, has been routed in a chaotic general election that left no party capable of forming a majority government.

P. V. Narasimha Rao, the Prime Minister, last night announced his intention to quit amid frantic attempts by a battery of parties to form the country's first national coalition. An emergency Cabinet meeting will be held today.

The election outcome is disastrous for a country in need of political stability to fight poverty and pursue sweeping economic reforms. It was Congress's greatest humiliation and the party may split.

The centre of gravity of the nation's politics has moved from Delhi to the states, and no single party may ever again govern the world's second most populous country. The result represents a social, caste and political upheaval, the like of which independent India has never seen.

There will now be days of backroom bargaining in which a range of potential prime ministers will be vying for position. An array of small parties will seek a role in a coalition that is likely to include the shattered remains of Congress, whose glory days are over — although Mr Rao's departure has almost certainly secured its participation in a new administration.

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The Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP), which includes extremist Hindu elements, emerged as the single biggest party with a margin of dozens of MPs over Congress — a remarkable rise from virtual obscurity a decade ago. But it will be hard-pressed to form an administration. It is a parliamentary pariah, despised for its anti-Muslim tendencies, and its only chance of gaining power is to split the Congress Party. That is improbable. The BJP donned a moderate face for the election but its record is extremist, with many of its leaders favouring the creation of a Hindu state. The incoming administration will probably not last a full term, given India's fractious political character and inexperience with national coalitions. Congress lost around half the 260 seats it captured in 1991. The election saw the rise of regional parties and groups representing the newly assertive low castes, who comprise around 80 per cent of the population. After centuries of repression, their time seems to have come.

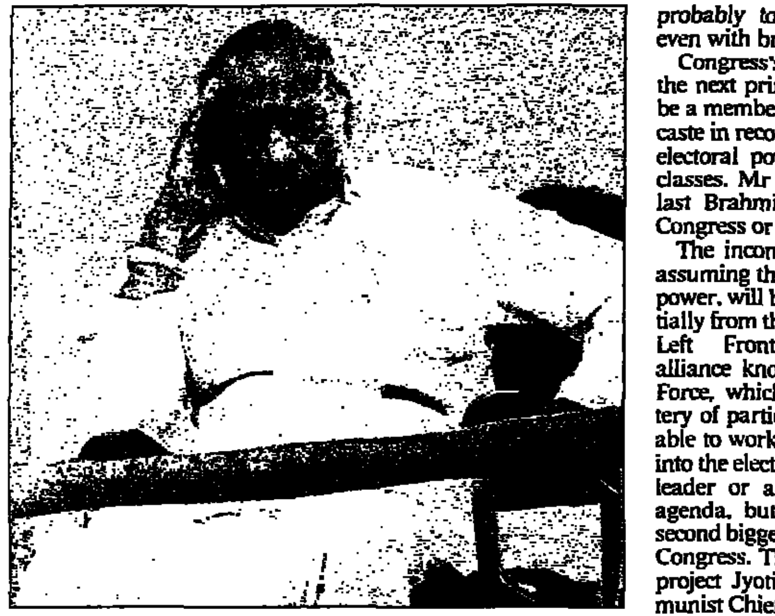
The immediate consequence of the election could be political chaos. Mr Rao, 74, has been the country's most mediocre leader, save for releasing the economy from its socialist shackles under International Monetary Fund pressure.

The party, dead at the grassroots and corrupt at the top, has been torn by defections and degraded by unfettered ministerial corruption.

Atal Vajpayee, who led the BJP's bid for power, said during the campaign that he would not seek to form a government if the party and its handful of allies captured fewer than 215 seats in the 534-seat parliament. It will fall far short of that once final results are declared today or tomorrow, and will end up around 100 seats short of a majority: *probably too big to bridge*, even with bribery.

Congress's next leader, like the next prime minister, may be a member of a "backward" caste in recognition of the new electoral power of the lower classes. Mr Rao could be the last Brahmin to head either Congress or India.

The incoming government, assuming the BJP fails to take power, will be drawn substantially from the National Front-Left Front combine, an alliance known as the Third Force, which contains a battery of parties that are barely able to work together. It went into the election with no single leader or any joint political agenda, but emerged as the second biggest force, trailed by Congress. The Left Front will project Jyoti Basu, the Communist Chief Minister of West Bengal, as the next prime minister.



P. V. Narasimha Rao waiting to speak at one of his last election rallies before his ruling party was routed

Mummies in China unravel historical certainties

FROM QUENTIN LETTS IN NEW YORK

ARCHAEOLOGISTS are struggling to solve one of the most baffling mysteries of early civilisation. Who were the white men, wearing north European-style clothes, who wandered through northwest China 4,000 years ago and appear to have settled — even colonised — the area?

A conference of international archaeologists in Philadelphia last week swapped evidence about a number of blond-haired, straight-nosed "mystery mummies" found in the Tarim Basin region of western China. The bodies, well-preserved by the salty sands of what is now a desert, suggest that Westerners played a role in the development of China.

It may be time to reconsider the theory that the Far East was an isolated land of mystery and brilliant scientific innovation before the opening of the Silk Road in the 2nd century BC. Early Europeans probably made their way to the Tarim Basin for trade, or in search of prey. Some stayed, while others may simply have been travellers. The weaving of garments found on the mummies bears strong similarities to textiles found on European and British/Celtic mummies pre-dating 500 BC.

The mummies were found buried with hats, boots and colourful garb, sometimes beside non-Caucasian bodies, suggesting that they were part of the community. The climate of the area may then have been better suited to settlement than today.

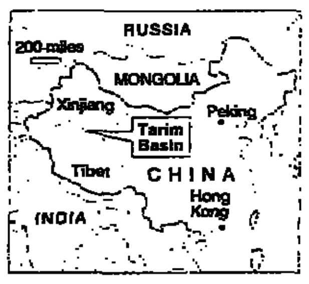
Vincent Pigott, an archaeologist at the University of Pennsylvania, said yesterday: "There is evidence of longterm occupation of this part of China by Europeans. This is one of the more remarkable archaeological discoveries of this century."

The Caucasian people survived in the Tarim Basin until the 2nd century AD and then appear to have disappeared suddenly. Dolkun Kamberi, an Uyghur archaeologist attending the University of Pennsylvania Museum conference, said he recalled hearing, as a child, folk stories about non-Chinese people settling in the area long, long ago. The recently discovered mummies, and the accumulating archaeological knowledge about them, indicated that the folk stories were based on fact.

Earlier this century European explorers found manuscripts in the area depicting an extinct language, Tocharian, which bore similarities to Celtic and German.

Mr Kamberi himself discovered a piece of human skull in the area which may be 500,000 years old, but there was no telling if it was of a white or an oriental. The racial identity of the early settlers of the Tarim Basin was, said Mr Kamberi, "very important for writing Asian history and world history".

A mummy from about 1000 BC, found in China but possibly of Western origin



Lord Renfrew, the Cambridge archaeologist, told the conference that the apparent evidence of cultural cross-fertilisation meant that diffusionism, hated by the progressives of the 1960s and 1970s, "needs to be taken seriously again".

Victor Mair, the conference organiser, said that when he first saw one of the mummies he was "thunderstruck — I just stood there for a couple of hours". It might be too early to draw conclusions about where the people came from, he added, but the likeliest route to the area was from the Russian steppes.

Desperate Dole rails at Clinton foreign policy

FROM MARTIN FLETCHER IN WASHINGTON

BOB DOLE, struggling to erode President Clinton's huge poll lead, opened a new front yesterday with a blistering attack on Mr Clinton's foreign policy performance.

Mr Clinton's "track record of weakness and indecision and double-talk and incoherence has diminished American credibility and undermined American interests", the senator declared in his first major speech on foreign affairs since winning the Republican presidential nomination.

The President had "squandered the rich foreign policy legacy he inherited by making inconsistency, confusion and incoherence the common features of American diplomacy".

Though he and Mr Clinton were both free-traders and internationalists, he said, "our differences are vast and fundamental, from expansion of Nato and the deployment of ballistic missile defences to over-reliance on the United Nations and decisive action against the enemies of the United States".

The Dole camp sees foreign policy as one area where his long experience and wartime service gives him a major advantage over Mr Clinton. The 72-year-old senator disputed the notion that voters do *not care about foreign policy*, arguing that Americans cared deeply how the world saw their country.

It was "time to restore American leadership in Asia and throughout the world. No more overnight reversals, no more conflicting signals and no more strategic incoherence. Our future security depends on American leadership that is respected, trusted and, when necessary, feared," he said.

Focusing particularly on Asia, Mr Dole told Washington's Centre for Strategic and International Studies that Mr Clinton had sent disastrously conflicting signals to China, appeased North Korea, and lost the trade war it had declared on Japan. This "weak leadership, vacillation and inconsistency" had left the world's only superpower "drifting and defensive with an uncertain course and untrusted voice in the Pacific Basin".

Mr Dole endorsed the President's imminent decision to extend China's preferential trading status for another year. That was bound to anger conservatives who wanted China punished for bullying Taiwan, intellectual piracy, selling nuclear technology and continued human rights abuses.

However, he lambasted Mr Clinton for Sino-American policies that had "contributed to the convictions shared by allies and adversaries alike that American leadership in Asia is fragmented, contradictory and uncertain".

Seeking to pre-empt Mr Dole's attack the White House had on Wednesday threatened punitive tariffs on $2 billion (£1.3 billion) of Chinese imports unless Peking agrees by next Wednesday to halt the piracy of US films, music and computer software.

Dying guru 'will log on and drop out'

FROM GILES WHITTELL IN LOS ANGELES

TIMOTHY LEARY, the drug guru who advised followers in the 1960s to "tune in, turn on and drop out", has cut his ties with a cryonics organisation that had hoped to freeze his head after death.

British-born Dr Leary, 75, who now lives in Beverly Hills, is engaged in a typically eccentric dance with prostate cancer. Instead of resisting the disease, he has said he relishes death as "the ultimate trip". He is even seeking ways to allow disciples to witness his final moments "live" thanks to the Internet.

In one conflicting signal, however, he arranged for a group of believers in the dubious science of cryonics to freeze his head in liquid nitrogen after death in the hope of being reborn when advances in genetic cloning allow.

The former Harvard psychiatrist now appears to have jettisoned his faith in such a chilly afterlife. He has torn up his $50,000 contract with the CryoCare Foundation, saying: "They have no sense of humour. I was worried I would wake up in 50 years surrounded by people with clipboards."

For the present he has livelier company. A symbol of alternative and mind-expanding lifestyles for several generations, he is visited on his psychedelically draped death bed by the likes of Yoko Ono, the actress Wynona Ryder (his god-daughter) and Hollywood's current first couple, Tim Robbins and Susan Sarandon.

Meanwhile, the cryongenics movement, scorned by serious scientists since its inception in the 1970s, has lost a priceless opportunity for publicity. As Dr Leary's friend and writing partner, Vicki Marshall, put in the yesterday's *Los Angeles Times*: "He is not going to be their poster boy."

Ms Marshall pointed out that Dr Leary had never taken cryonics very seriously, considering it only slightly less stupid as a post-death procedure than being eaten by worms. He is now said to be contemplating cremation.

Leary: relishes death as "the ultimate trip"

Team work brushed up

Tokyo: A Tokyo company owner who cleans his firm's lavatories every day has inspired executives across Japan to follow his example (Robert Whymant writes).

Under the slogan "Let's polish our hearts through cleaning toilets", Hidesaburo Kagiyama, the 63-year-old owner of a car component business, leads a 25,000-strong group to encourage managers to clean lavatories in the workplace, and in schools and public places.

"By getting down on my hands and knees to scrub lavatory bowls and urinals, I discovered I could bring out the best both in myself and my workers," Mr Kagiyama said.

Doubt cast on claim of North Pole flight

BY QUENTIN LETTS

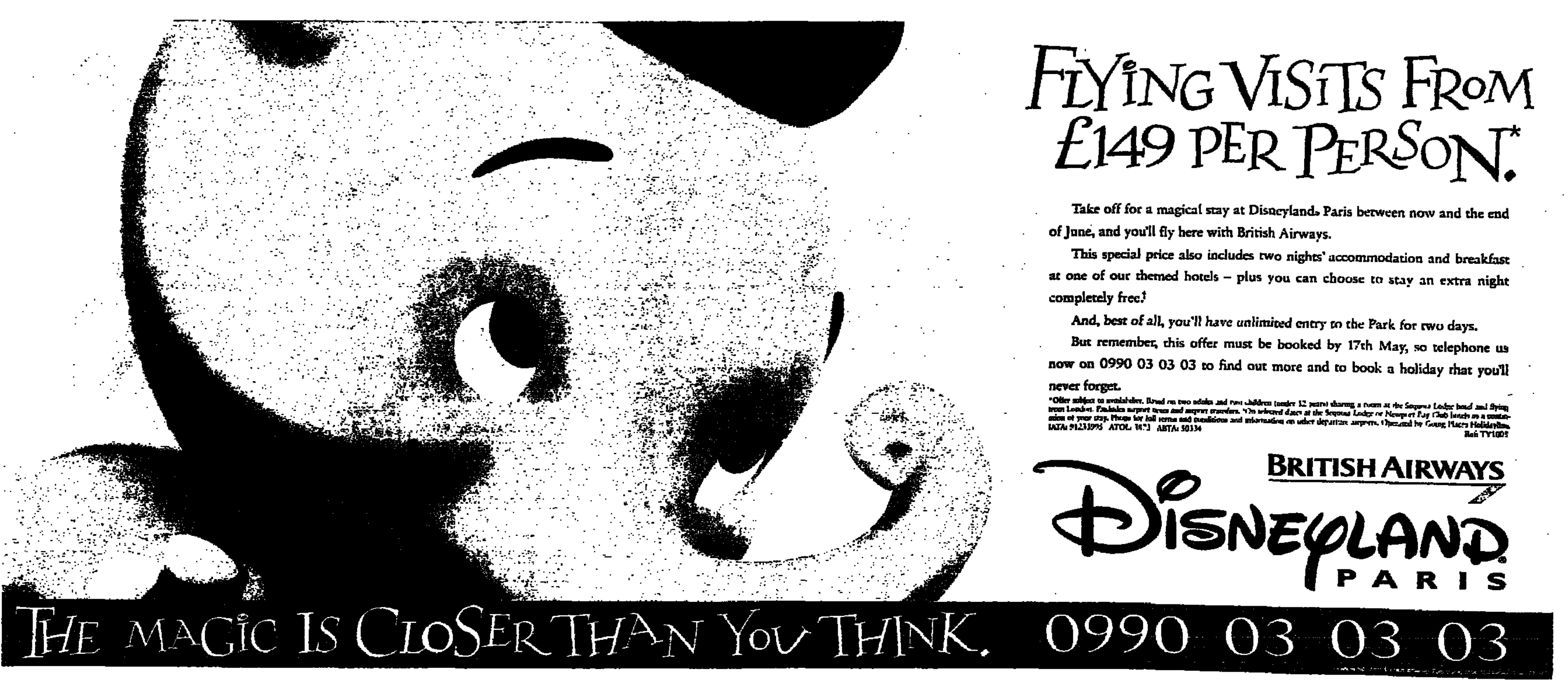
ALLEGATIONS of dishonesty have been levelled at Admiral Richard Byrd, the begoggled American adventurer who in 1926 claimed to have become the first man to fly over the North Pole.

Dennis Rawlins, a navigation specialist, has examined Byrd's log of that flight and has concluded that the aviator, faced with engine problems, turned round 150 miles short of the pole.

The log was discovered amid papers at the back of Byrd's 1925 diary. It appears that the then Lieutenant-Commander Byrd may have used the last few pages of the old book for the 1926 flight simply to save paper.

Mr Rawlins was invited by Ohio State University to study the compass readings marked down by Byrd and his mechanic, Floyd Bennett. Mr Rawlins suggested that the two men must have known that they had failed to reach their cherished destination when they turned round and headed back for Spitsbergen.

The map readings show that the turnaround, which was enforced by an oil leak from the engine of the Fokker monoplane, was made two and a quarter degrees before the pole.



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Belgium pursues French tycoon over corruption

From Ben Macintyre in Paris

A BELGIAN court investigating allegations of corruption has issued an international arrest warrant for Serge Dassault, the powerful French industrialist and head of one of the country's most prestigious aircraft-makers.

The warrant for M Dassault's arrest was issued by a Liège magistrate in connection with bribes allegedly paid to Belgian government officials in 1989 to secure a contract, worth an estimated £125 million, for modernising the American-built F16 fighters of the Belgian Air Force.

"I am a complete stranger to this transaction," M Dassault insisted in Paris last night, adding that he had rejected a request to attend a hearing on the case in Liège 15 days ago because Belgian law lacked "certain elementary rights available to every French citizen".

M Dassault, 71, said he had written to the Belgian authorities saying he was prepared to be interviewed on French soil and had responded to questions posed by the magistrate last November.

Belgian investigators suspect M Dassault of handing over a commission of more than 10 million francs (£1.3 million) via the electronics company Dassault Electronique to secure the contract, code-named Carapace, *Le Monde* reported.

Legal sources in Belgium said that the warrant was issued last week because evidence recently obtained from Swiss banks "suggests strong indication of corruption". Investigators suspect the money was paid to members of the ruling Socialist Party in Belgium.

M Dassault is chairman of Dassault Aviation and honorary chairman of Dassault Electronique, but he insisted that his responsibility for the electronics firm ended in 1986. Dassault Aviation, makers of the Mirage and Rafale fighter jets and Falcon business jets, relies primarily on government orders and declared profits of £63 million last year.

Dassault: denies link with transaction

The case is linked to the recent scandal surrounding the Italian helicopter company Agusta, which forced the resignation of Willie Claes, the Socialist, as head of the Nato alliance last October. Prosecutors are investigating whether that company paid £1 million to secure another Belgian government contract worth £220 million.

M Dassault, whose personal fortune is estimated at £35 million, is only the latest in a string of top French businessmen to be touched by corruption allegations, but the warrant for his arrest is likely to prove particularly embarrassing for President Chirac, a longtime friend and political ally.

M Chirac's father, a banker, worked for the aviation company and the Dassault family was a strong supporter of M Chirac's early political career. A member of M Chirac's Gaullist RPR party, M Dassault also toyed with becoming a politician. Last year he was elected Mayor of Corbeil-Essonne in the Paris suburbs.

The company was created by M Dassault's father, Marcel Bloch, a Jewish-born aviation entrepreneur who built aircraft during the First World War and was imprisoned in the concentration camp at Buchenwald when he refused to build aircraft for the Nazis.

A flamboyant and inspired businessman, Bloch later converted to Catholicism and changed his name to Dassault in honour of his brother's code-name during the Resistance, going on to build one of the most successful aeronautical companies in the world.

When Dassault senior was asked about the use on British troops of Exocet missiles made by his company during the Falklands conflict, his reply was characteristic: "The British are friends. The Argentinians are customers. I have the highest regard for them both."

Broadway beset by sound of discord

From Quentin Letts in New York

JULIE ANDREWS has withdrawn from this year's Tony awards — Broadway's version of the Oscars — in protest at the lack of nominations for her fellow cast members in a New York musical.

The British star shocked Manhattan theatre-goers with an announcement on stage at the end of a matinée performance of *Victor-Victoria* by saying she wanted nothing to do with the 1996 Tonys, even though she has been nominated for best musical actress. It was the only nomination for the show, directed and produced by Blake Edwards, her husband.

The actress told a full house at the Marquis Theatre: "I have to say how deeply sad I am to be the only nominee in this extraordinarily gifted company. I have searched my conscience and my heart and find I cannot accept this Tony nomination." She preferred, instead, to "stand with the egregiously overlooked" cast.

Her uncharacteristic outburst reflected widespread surprise at this year's nominations. The awards, in their 50th year, also failed to recognise the Royal Shakespeare Company, which is back on Broadway for the first time in years.

The Tony judges have been criticised for their eccentric choices and there has been speculation that many may be dismissed before next year. Nominations went to unsuccessful shows, off-beat dramas and productions that closed early.

Victor-Victoria has drawn big audiences. Meanwhile, the absence of the Royal Shakespeare's splendid *A Midsummer Night's Dream* — arguably the best thing on Broadway this year — was baffling.

The nominations have left actors in tears and angered producers, one of whom condemned the judges as "a bunch of academics". Miss Andrews, normally regarded as being above "luvviedom", was said to have been devastated by the apparent snub to *Victor-Victoria*. Backstage morale was so badly hit that she had to give her colleagues a pep talk. "A lot of our creative team have been overlooked," she said, through tears. David Merrick, the doyen of Broadway producers, called the nominations "bad business", while another observer, Robert Lisauer, remarked that "apparently nobody liked *Victor-Victoria* but the audience". The row has done only good to the show's box office, however. Max Eisen, a veteran press agent, said: "Where there's noise, there's dollars."

Julie Andrews reads out a statement turning down her Tony award nomination

WORLD SUMMARY

Western hostages 'left to die'

Phnom Penh: The Australian Senate has opened an inqiry into claims that the Cambodian Government broke an agreement which might have saved the lives of three Western hostages, including an Australian and a Briton, murdered by Khmer Rouge guerrillas in 1994.

Australian media reported that seven letters, which were allegedly exchanged between Khmer Rouge commanders and a Cambodian negotiator, showed the guerrillas wanted to exchange the hostages — alive — for money. *(AP)*

Baby's body found on jet

Tokyo: The body of a newborn baby was found flushed down a Northwest Airlines plane lavatory by cleaners at Osaka international airport. The Boeing 747, travelling from Los Angeles to Manila, was making a stopover on Wednesday night.

The child appeared to be two days old and did not seem to be Asian. The umbilical cord was still attached. The body had become dyed blue by disinfectant water. *(Reuter)*

Aznar to trim government

Madrid: The new Spanish administration of José Maria Aznar will scrap nearly a third of all government departments to save money (Tunku Varadarajan writes). A ruling Popular Party official said more than 80 of the 269 government departments would go — mostly in the Cabinet, Finance and Interior ministries. The Socialist opposition called the savings "peanuts".

Tokyo and Seoul in fishing talks

Tokyo: Japan and South Korea have begun talks on fishing rights around disputed islets, known respectively as Takeshima or Tok-do, in the Sea of Japan. The talks will skirt the ownership issue of the two volcanic islets almost mid-way between the two countries and claimed by both Tokyo and Seoul. *(AP)*

Peasant held for £640,000 swindle

Peking: A Chinese peasant woman has been arrested for swindling 90 people out of eight million yuan (£640,000). She enticed villagers and businessmen to lend her the money with promises of 10 per cent interest a month, newspapers reported. *(AP)*

'Farmbelt Führer' is put on trial

From Roger Boyes in Bonn

THE chubby, waddling figure of American neo-Nazi Gary Lauck, still flaunting his Adolf Hitler moustache, entered a Hamburg court yesterday for a trial that will attempt to unravel the worldwide web of far-right publishing.

Mr Lauck, dubbed the "Farmbelt Führer" by American investigators, is accused of heading a company that printed reams of Nazi propaganda, including Hitler's *Mein Kampf* and anti-Semitic tracts, which was smuggled to right-wing extremists in Germany. The publisher, 42, from Nebraska, claims that his activities were protected by US freedom of speech laws and that the prosecutor cannot prove he intended to export the material to Germany.

Hans-Otto Sieg, Mr Lauck's defence lawyer, lodged an immediate request for the trial to be declared null and void. Mr Lauck was arrested last year on a visit to Denmark and, only after lengthy legal debate, was extradited to Germany. His lawyer claimed that the German charges, presented yesterday by the prosecutor in a 90-minute introductory speech, did not correspond with the reasons given for Mr Lauck's extradition. "In my opinion, the mere fact that we are sitting here is against the law," Herr Sieg said.

The material produced by Mr Lauck's company, in particular the magazine *National Socialist Battle Cry*, is full of virulent prose reminiscent of the Hitler era. Jews are described as "the parasites of humanity". Videos compare Jews with rats. His presses have also produced hundreds of thousands of stickers displaying the swastika symbol or anti-Semitic slogans.

A total of 38 charges were levelled against Mr Lauck yesterday. German law forbids the public use of the swastika symbol, as well as the sale or distribution of Hitler's writings. Anti-Semitic publications and any denial of the existence of the Nazi Holocaust are also outlawed.

Mr Lauck's party — the National Socialist German Workers Party-Foreign Organisation — is banned in Germany. As anti-Fascist demonstrators marched outside, Mr Lauck looked relaxed in court yesterday, joking that he had "a dog and two cats but no children as far as I know" in response to a question from the judge.

Lauck: videos compare Jews with rats

Italy checking on politics of its athletes

Rome: Italians competing in the Atlanta Olympics are being vetted to try to prevent any unfurling of the banner of "Padania", the separatist state demanded by the Northern League, during ceremonies (Richard Owen writes).

***Il Messaggero* said this week that the Italian Olympic Committee was discreetly monitoring the political leanings of athletes in training in Rome. It said the committee feared that Northern League sympathisers might use the world's most important sporting occasion for political purposes.**

In last month's elections, the League made a strong showing by appealing to resentment in the North of high taxation, partly to subsidise the poorer South.

New MPs settle in with old arguments

From Richard Owen in Rome

THE new-look Italian parliament opened yesterday, three weeks after the election, with the dominant Centre-Left bloc vowing to govern Italy for a full five years.

But Professor Romano Prodi, leader of the Centre-Left Olive Tree, was still unable to announce his Cabinet because of distinctly old-style wrangling over who should hold the posts of Speaker in the Chamber of Deputies and the Senate.

Half of the 630 MPs are newcomers, which lent a "first day of term" air to proceedings in the Montecitorio, the elegant 17th-century parliament building. But the fresh optimism of the opening session was tempered not only by a reassertion of political chaos but also by anxiety over the secessionist demands of the Northern League.

Signor Prodi offered the Senate Speakership to the opposition, but this well-meant gesture led to further disputes when Silvio Berlusconi, the Centre-Right Freedom Alliance leader and former Prime Minister, suggested Francesco Cossiga, the former President, whom the Left regards as tainted by the corrupt Christian Democrat past.

The provisional Senate Speaker, Francesco de Martino, an 83-year-old senator from the southern city of Naples, was greeted by Northern League jeers when he condemned secessionism in "the prosperous North".

Germans count their losses as taxman upstages Jackson

By Roger Boyes

POP star Michael Jackson has called off a concert tour of Germany because of the country's tough tax laws.

The cancellation, coming hard on the heels of protests from other rock performers and foreign orchestras, has shaken not only Jackson's fans but also the German political establishment.

Germany is struggling to cut public spending and raise revenue. There has been public pressure to crack down on celebrity taxpayers who often pay less than ordinary Germans by setting up homes across the border in Belgium or by channelling some of heir earnings into overseas companies.

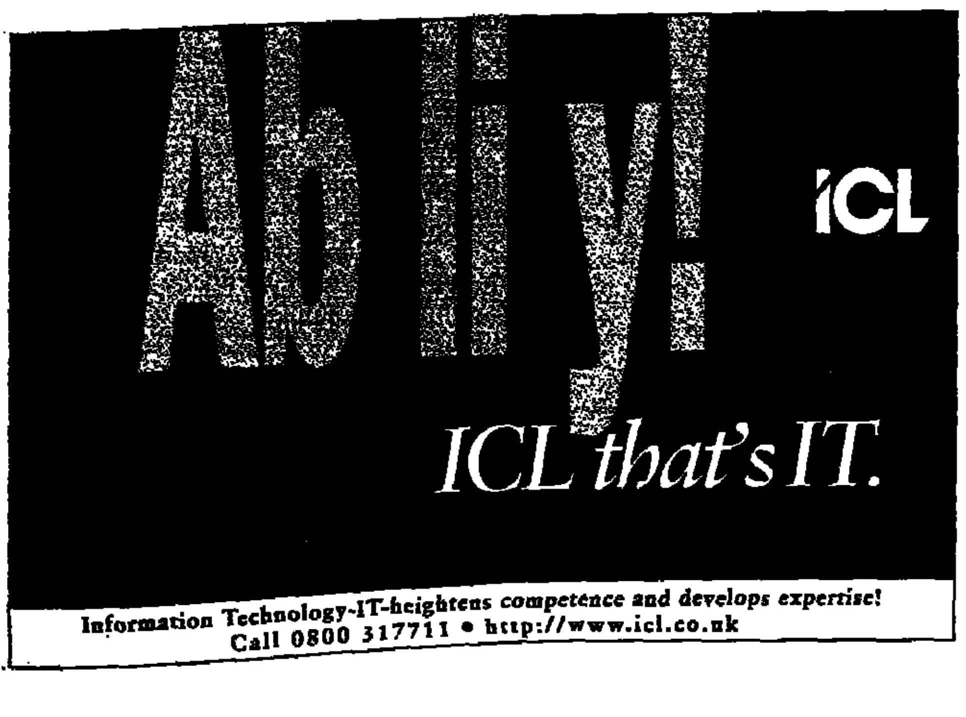
Theo Waigel, the Finance Minister, was happy to oblige and raised the basic tax rate for foreign performers from 15 to 25 per cent at the beginning of the year. Now this has backfired and Germany is worried that it will be boycotted by leading foreign performers.

The problem, explains Dietmar Mittig of the Faerber and Partner tax consultancy, is that "25 per cent is only the basic tax. On top of that comes a turnover tax of 7 or 15 per cent — depending on whether a group or a soloist is involved — and a 7.5 per cent solidarity tax whose revenue is earmarked for the development of eastern Germany."

These taxes are deducted not from the profits of the performer but from their gross earnings. In Jackson's case, that leaves almost nothing since he has to pay for 30 lorryloads of equipment, the rent of a stadium, security and elaborate staging. Jackson recoups these overheads from the local impresario and, as far as the German taxman is concerned, they count as German earnings.

A typical Jackson concert in Germany would earn £1.4 million, according to Klaus Bönisch of Mama Concerts. About £600,000 would be kept by the singer, but he would have to pay £156,000 of that in income tax and meet bills of £520,000 for the production of the show. In other words, Wacko Jacko would leave Germany a poorer man.

Jens Michow, who represents the association of German concert agencies, says he is ready to take the German Government to the European Court of Justice as it is in effect discriminating against foreign performers.



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Grace Bradberry, Style Editor, finds that class is only skin deep

BLOATED, scratched and pallid, with broken finger quicks and protuberant nails, the Queen's hands have caused a furore.

Wittingly, or unwittingly, Antony Williams, who did the portrait, has touched a raw nerve: class. Our hands, it seems, reveal our social origins, as well as our health and our character. In the words of Brian Sewell, the art critic, the hands in Williams's painting, are "those of Murphy's men, relieved of the pneumatic drill".

Williams insists that he has painted the Queen as he found her. No one wants to believe him, which is rather odd when you consider that Her Majesty is 70, and quite entitled to have careworn skin.

But then, as Dr Patrick McGhee, a psycho-dermatologist, points out, even in our apparently secular society we imbue the hands with all kinds of symbolic meaning.

"Take Michelangelo's image of God touching man. It's a symbol of one level of the cosmos touching another level, and it's shown through the meeting of hands."

The hands in the royal portrait

Over the years, hands have lost none of their cultural significance, insists Dr McGhee. "In the late 20th century, the shaking of hands is one of the few forms of socially approved public touching."

Perhaps this is why Jeremy Beadle's deformed hand, and his delight in proffering it to the unsuspecting, has attracted so much attention. In some intangible way it expresses our national loathing for the man.

AND SO so it is with the Queen. Beleaguered, embattled, in need of a good stiff drink: the state of her hands suggests all these things. More Lucian Freud than Leonardo da Vinci, they would not look out of place slumped disconsolately across a bar in Soho.

But to Dr Peter Wise, a consultant physician and specialist in hormone disorders at the Charing Cross hospital, they say something else altogether. "One condition that comes to mind, looking at both the hands and the face, is an under-active thyroid. It affects one in 20 women over the age of 60 and it does make them appear rather depressed and morose — a bit like the Queen in this portrait."

The symptoms of an under-active thyroid include swollen joints, dry skin, and, perhaps the least regal, constipation.

The treatment is, however, quite simple and usually involves a course of tablets.

Should the Queen pay a visit to the Charing Cross hospital in the future she might do well to avoid shaking Dr Wise's hand if she wishes to avoid an impromptu diagnosis. There are up to 200 conditions that might come to light if he were able to maintain a grip and examine closely.

"Patients are puzzled when I pick up their hands. They think I've stepped out from the ark. But you can pick up everything from subtle alcohol abuse to hormone deficiencies."

Little bumps across the knuckles can suggest raised blood-fat levels, while bulbous nails could, in certain circumstances, indicate serious lung problems.

"People used to conclude all sorts of things from the hands, many of which were not true," says Dr Wise. "But gradually medical science has supplanted those assumptions with more important diagnostic information."

But among the common herd, superstitions persist. Dr McGhee believes that Williams's depiction of the Queen's hands has shocked because it reminds us of her mortality.

"The reaction is culturally rational. People see the Queen as the last remaining element of stability in the Royal Family. The conspicuous ageing of her hands reminds us that she is old and will one day die. Many people feel that the Royal Family will then collapse."

Who's suffering from SID?

David Brooks reports from New York on the growing band of professionals whose income falls short of their status

David Mellor used to suffer SID on his MP's salary; the Duchess of York, right, has caught full-blown SID and infected Sophie Rhys-Jones, left

The editor had triumphed. All through a long New York spring evening, it had been John Updike this and Norman Mailer that. He'd kept his tablemates in a state of conversational bliss, and when the meal was over everybody was in such high spirits they decided to go down to the lounge for a few drinks. The Regency Hotel has a little room called The Library, where the Martinis are $11. The editor was joined by an investment banker and a lawyer and his wife. And he was just as amusing at the bar, filling the night with publishing tales. Feeling expansive, he decided to pick up the tab, putting it on his expense account, and when the whole group stumbled outside, he was seized by his high spirits and called out: "Does anybody want to share a cab?"

The lawyer looked uncomfortably at his wife. "Actually, we're walking distance," he said, motioning up Park Avenue. The banker said she lived just a block and a half away, towards 5th Avenue.

The editor decided not to splurge on a cab after all. He caught a cross-town bus and then waited nervously for the subway train. A foul-smelling homeless person shouted something at him until the train finally came, taking him up to 103rd Street and Broadway. The elevator (with a bare lightbulb flickering) took him upstairs to his scratched steel door. He opened it and found himself looking across his cluttered table into the kitchen and wondering where he'd left the cockroach spray. Suddenly he was feeling miserable.

The editor was suffering from status-income disequilibrium (SID). The sufferers of this malady have jobs that give them high status but low income. They lunch on an expense account at The Palm, but dine at home on macaroni. All day long the phone-message slips pile up on their desks — calls from famous people seeking favours — but at night they realise the tub needs scrubbing, so it's down on the hands and knees with the Ajax. At work they are aristocrats, kings of the meritocracy. At home they are peasants.

Status-income disequilibrium sufferers include leading journalists, publishing editors, TV news producers, museum curators, moderately successful classical music performers, White House aides, military brass, politicians who aren't independently wealthy, and many others.

There are two sides to the status-income equation. On one is the "moneyed class", those with plenty of dough who can use it to acquire status. But I am concerned with the "titled class". Historically, when we think of the grand titles, we think of prince, duke, earl and baron. But in the age of meritocracy, the grand titles are Senior Fellow, Editor in Chief, Assistant to the Secretary. Or titles that include an employer's name — *The New York Times*, the White House — in which case it scarcely matters which position the individual holds.

The titled class has always resented and secretly envied the moneyed class. But for journalists, writers and politicos the pain is now acute. Until recently a person who went into, say, the media, understood that he or she would forever live a middle-class life. But now, vast wealth is possible. Once it becomes plausible to imagine yourself earning $800,000 a year, the lack of it begins to hurt.

Consider our editor. He is earning $110,000 a year as a top magazine editor. His wife makes $65,000. In their wildest imaginings they never dreamt they would someday pull in $175,000 a year.

Or that they would be so poor. Their daughter turned ten last year and needed a separate bedroom from her brother. They were lucky to get a fairly bright three-bedroom apartment for $2,750 a month, even allowing for the dingy neighbourhood and the cockroach-infested building. Jessica's school fees are about $18,000 and it costs at least $16,000 to send Max to the Ethical Culture School. The parking spot for the 1988 Camry is $275 a month, the part-time nanny costs about $12,000 a year, and after meeting various other expenses the family is left with an after-tax disposable income for food, laundry, subway tokens, clothes and leisure of about $600 a month. Which explains why the editor hasn't bought a new tie in three years and why he wakes up at four in the morning wondering where next year's school fees are going to come from.

> 'Everyone pretends it is possible to jet off to Paris for a weekend'

The title-holder is at the tail end of the upper class. Our editor is rich enough to send his kids to expensive schools, but all the other parents make as much in a month as he makes in a year. The contrast is clear when it comes to the annual class dinner. The host parents are inevitably executives at Goldman Sachs or some media conglomerate. When a title-holder with a household income of $175,000 a year enters a room filled with moneyed persons who earn $1.75 million a year, a few social rules will be observed. Everyone, including the titled person near bankruptcy, will pretend it is possible to jet off to Paris for a weekend and the only barrier is finding the time.

Everyone will praise the Marais district, and it will not be mentioned that the moneyed person has an apartment in the Marais, while the titled person stayed in a one-star hotel somewhere in the suburbs. The titled person will notice that the moneyed class spend a lot of time planning and talking about vacations, whereas all the titled person wants to talk about is work.

How can we alleviate the suffering from SID? I propose that anyone who can prove that five of his reasonably close friends earn seven times more than he, would be eligible for federal aid. The Government would send out monthly mortgage stamps to pay the cost of any newly bought home valued at more than $1.1 million. The recipient would preserve his high-status career, but he would not feel ashamed when he returned home at night.

Ultimately, such a programme would benefit the entire nation. Because SID sufferers control the American media, government and the terms of civic discourse, their anxieties dominate the national culture. Their bad mood depresses everybody. If they were rich, the entire country would feel better about itself.

- *A longer version of this article appeared in the American magazine,* The Weekly Standard.

Rich pickings

SID may have been identified by an American, but this affliction has long been rife in Britain. At the House of Commons it reached epidemic proportions years ago, when backbench MPs, exemplified by David Mellor, realised that while generous expenses might allow them to lunch at the Savoy, a net salary of £34,085 meant they would have to eat beans on toast if they were to keep the boys at public school.

Down the road at Buckingham Palace, the Duchess of York struggled bravely before succumbing to full-blown SID. She pleads penury yet, thanks to the gullible snobbery of rich foreigners, continues to travel the world first class, eat in exclusive restaurants and fill entire floors of five-star hotels with her entourage.

She complains she cannot afford £3 million, the sum she deems necessary to buy a house, and therefore is forced to shell out £1,500 a week in rent. The syndrome is obviously catching: recently her future sister-in-law Sophie Rhys-Jones confided to friends that she could not "live like a princess on £300 a week".

Yet SID is by no means confined to such notorious characters. The London suburbs are full of SID sufferers, who take the Tube each morning to their media jobs in Soho, and who, after dinner at Mezzo, queue in the rain for the night bus back.

Life for the afflicted consists of complicated juggling acts that make Dr Jekyll's existence look simple by comparison. "It's very weird," says Brian Skeet, 30, a film director and scriptwriter. "One day I will be in LA hobnobbing with Michael Douglas and Susan Sarandon, and the next I am back in London, in a flat with no fridge and one gas ring, wondering how far I can make a fiver last."

In her job as a writer for a weddings magazine, Jane Bruton, 28, visits up to eight honeymoon destinations a year where she is lavished with five-star hospitality in the hope of a good write-up. "One week you are living like a member of the Royal Family," she says, "sleeping in the bed that Princess Diana slept in. The next you are back in your shoebox flat in north London."

Every SID sufferer knows the importance of blending in with the glittering surroundings. "You get the Tube to the Dorchester and try to pretend you arrived in a taxi," says Miss Bruton. "You buy black clothes because they look more expensive and you try not to come down to dinner in the same thing two nights running."

And SID sufferers have to realise the glamorous lifestyle is transient. "You must remember who you are," she says. Mr Skeet adds: "There's a temptation, hanging out with John Malkovich and Roseanne, to think you are part of their world. But you are a temporary member, only allowed in as long as you can be of some help."

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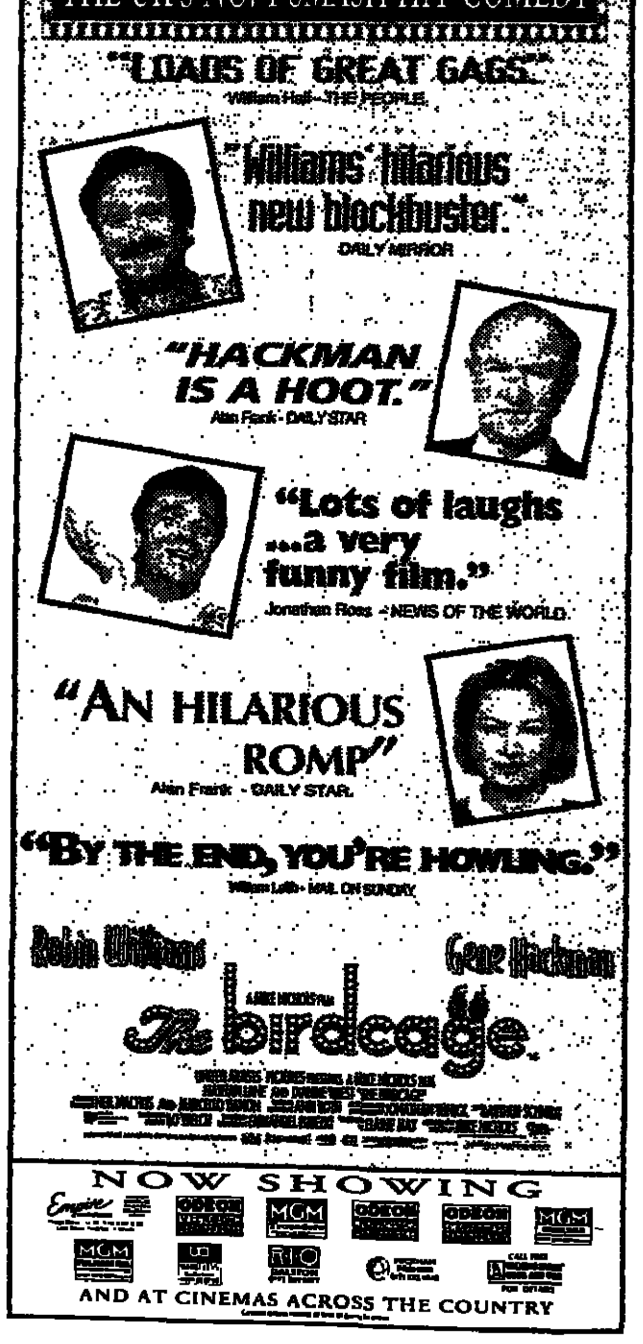

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Helena Bonham Carter, in front of the Orpen portrait of her grandmother, the redoubtable Lady Violet

How Helena grew up in a Violet shadow

THE VALERIE GROVE INTERVIEW

Helena Bonham Carter is one of our leading actresses — but she still chooses to live at home because she is too lazy to move out

In her family's drawing room in Golders Green, Helena Bonham Carter stands by the Orpen portrait of her grandmother, the redoubtable Lady Violet. The resemblance is strikingly non-existent: Violet's fine, elongated, patrician head; Helena's heart-shaped face and dark gamine look, compounded by the tennis shoes beneath the frock she changed into — out of T-shirt and jeans — for the picture.

On Monday she starts filming Henry James's *The Wings of a Dove*. ("Yes, another Edwardian heroine, how predictable.") Tomorrow afternoon you can hear her in Dodie Smith's *I Capture the Castle* on Radio 4, as Rose: "A complete bitch, quite heartless. Great fun to play."

But today she is playing herself — Helena BC (as she signs herself), granddaughter of Asquith's daughter Violet, whose fascinating letters and diaries, *Vol.I: Lantern Slides*, are published by Weidenfeld on Monday. They reveal that at the age of 17 Miss Asquith was better informed and more opinionated than most people thrice her age.

As I arrived *chez* the Bonham Carters (Lady Violet called it Hampstead, but leafy Golders Green it is: a London country house with its own tennis court) a lift descended and out wheeled Raymond Bonham Carter, Helena's father, a former merchant banker whose paralysis 17 years ago made Helena, at 13, decide that she would have to look after herself.

The family was on holiday in Greece when Raymond became conclusively deaf in one ear. A routine operation for acoustic neuroma was bungled, leaving him partially blind and wheelchair-bound. "He wasn't meant to live, but chose to. He is a stubborn man, with a certain amount of cussedness and not an iota of self-pity," Helena says.

Father and daughter sit at a large table covered with letters, in a room papered in brilliant African scenes, with french doors to a sunny garden. Helena is all filial sweetness. You see why she, the baby of the family, still lives at home even though she will be 30 this month and could easily afford a place of her own. ("I'm just too lazy to move out.") Her rocking horse is still under the stairs, and the tiny chair that was bequeathed to her by Violet.

"My mother could seem intimidating: she was opinionated, and loved argument," says Raymond. "She wrote to me every week when I was at school, as if to an adult — like her father's letters to her. She was Asquith's boon companion after her mother died and he slept in her bedroom. Every night she would cross-examine him about his day in the Commons. When she was five, he took her to tea with Mr Gladstone, and she told her nanny that Mr Gladstone wolfed his food."

"I don't honestly remember her," says Helena, who was rising three when Violet died in 1969. In a picture of herself on her grandmother's knee, she is fair: it turns out that despite her dark eyes from her French-Spanish mother Elena, Helena is secretly a blonde. "I do recall a dim, long corridor at her house at Hyde Park Gate, and a smell of cooking. I wrote down my memories of her when I was 13." "Helena is a great diarist herself," Raymond says. Has he read them? Helena: "No way." "Well," says her father, "I remember her descriptions, at eight, of a visit to Kenya."

"Lots of people — taxi drivers — tell me about my grandmother as an old lady," says Helena. "It's a luxury to get to know how she was at my age. I find her confidence terrifying. It wasn't just that she was the privileged daughter of the Prime Minister; she lived so vividly, and she had such a reverence for words. Today, the word is superseded by images. And our concentration is not improved by television. I feel inspired by her turn of phrase."

Violet at 17 was dining and arguing with archbishops, earls, ambassadors. Her observation of people ("Mrs Sidney Webb — wife of goat-bearded bore") was acute. In Paris she attended philosophical lectures by Bergson, and discussed his theories. Tutored at home and mixing only with clever adults ("We are all worms," Winston Churchill told her at dinner one night, "but I do believe I am a glow-worm"), she gained wisdom by osmosis.

At that age, Helena was at Westminster School, getting her three grade As at A level, and a place at Cambridge to read modern languages if she had not been diverted into films. Most of her friends went to Oxbridge "so I felt very isolated". She would have been a Zuleika Dobson, sending young men tumbling out of punts. "I could have gone, after *Room With A View*, but my father said carry on, it's a unique experience."

> 'It's a corsets and parasols part for me again'

So Helena, with no acting training, had to overcome the twin drawbacks of being both a striking beauty and the scion of a great family. She had to learn on the hoof, on camera: "Very exposing."

It was in *Howards End* when she played Helen Schlegel, Violet's contemporary, that she began to be curious about her grandmother's indifference to the suffragettes, "since she was so exercised by inequality in every other walk of life. Perhaps it was because she never experienced discrimination herself." Or because she saw her father showered with pepper by the militants.

Violet's accounts are of weekend parties at great houses "with all the ancient discomforts", debutante balls "being swirled giddily around by a new young man every five minutes" where everyone has a nickname (Bongie, Baffy, Bim, Gugs, Lousebags, Tweeders, Swank) and where swains are defined as eligibles, detrimentals and drumbores; of exotic travels, and a proposal of marriage, when her brother advised: "Married to Hugh, you could not reach your highest;" of her engagement on his deathbed to Archie Gordon ("melodramatic," says Helena). Family history records that Violet was paralysed by some psychosomatic disorder in early teens. "Attention-seeking," says Helena.

Helena's precocious stardom (via a *Tatler* photograph, shown to Trevor Nunn, who cast her as Lady Jane Grey immediately after her A levels) was sustained by "the confidence of ignorance.

"The flipside is, I was very conscious of criticism, and realised how much I had to learn."

When critics say she gets better and better, thanks to breeding and intelligence, it reminds her gloomily of how bad she was at first; she tries to have a sense of humour about it. "I feel I can disown my earlier self. I'm always surprised at how podgy and high-voiced I was."

The podge is gone, the voice low. And the "bane of looking too young to play anyone emotionally mature" is lessening. She is Olivia in Trevor Nunn's *Twelfth Night*, and currently Woody Allen's art gallery-owning wife in *Mighty Aphrodite*. That offer came while she was playing a coalminer's daughter in Nova Scotia. "I flew like the wind to New York and gave a very lacklustre reading."

While filming in bed with Woody, whom she reveres, she discovered that he kept on his clothes and even his shoes — "in case there's a fire," he said when she asked. "He's a stack of phobias, and an escapologist."

Helena remains enigmatic herself; consciously dressing down. I admire her new straw hat: "Twenty quid at Accessorize," she says. She mentions the biological clock, but has decided never to discuss her private relationships — with Ken Branagh, or with anyone. "They are hard enough anyway, but even harder if you conduct them in public."

Her fierce intelligence struck me as I watched the recording of tomorrow's *I Capture the Castle*. Her petulant opening line ("I see nothing romantic about being shut up in a crumbling ruin surrounded by a sea of mud") is very Helena.

She next goes to Venice for *Wings of a Dove*: "I'm playing another cruel, mercenary type. And it's corsets and parasols again." Had her grandmother been an actress (as she once wanted) she might have said the same.

Waiter, bring me someone to talk to

IN ALL the far-fetched projections of hell that have been offered by Western literature, it has never, bizarrely, been represented as a table near the door, in a flash restaurant, when your lunch guest is more than half an hour late.

SIGN OF THE TIMES

by Giles Coren

Did Dante, Milton or Sartre never eat at Orso in London's Covent Garden?

For as I sat alone in that cavernous schmoozodrome wincing at the sympathy of the bar staff, a lick of flame or a whiff of brimstone would have been welcome distractions. There is nothing in the etiquette books about how to comport oneself in a public place, when the person one is meeting has decided one is not interesting enough to arrive on time for — if at all.

Cigarettes are good. They turn loneliness into defiant solitude. You can read the *Evening Standard* for ten minutes, but after that everyone knows you are bluffing.

Some riffle through the Filofax, exclaim "Oh!" and make a sharp exit, but that wouldn't work if you were meant to be lunching with, say, Richard Addis, Editor of the *Daily Express* and a renowned latecomer. He is apparently wont to send his secretary to accompany you until he arrives.

Everyone who came in peered perishingly down at me. Every glance said: "Look at Nobby No Friends." But you are never alone, there are always others drumming their fingers on the table and rereading the menu for the fourteenth time. Can we not unite? There ought to be a code of practice. There ought to be badges which say "Join me, I'm waiting, too".

But there are not. So I approached an overly made-up woman in her forties, deserted and close to tears, who looked in need of company. "Excuse me," I said. "My date is late, too. Do you think I could sit down until she arrives? What are you drinking?" She told me she expected her guest very soon, thank you, and would I mind returning to my table.

I tried a man, less likely to take umbrage. "Sorry mate," he said. "I'm waiting for a call on my mobile." As I got up, someone asked me for a spritzer and some matches. This gave me an idea. Would the waiter stop and have a drink? "I'm a bit busy. Do you want to cancel?"

No. I wanted to die. Everyone knew now. I tried one last table of four. Surely they would be happy to keep me company while I waited. They were even waving their arms as I walked over. "Look, don't. Whatever it is, we don't want to be part of it." It's life, that's all. And who does?

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Philip Howard

■ Today we reveal the *transcript of a tape just* smuggled out of Moscow . . .

Our latest spy story has suddenly fallen quiet. For that is the way spies prefer to manage their affairs. But beneath the surface of their secretive and mutually self-supportive world, the moguls of death and industrial espionage are at work harder than ever, justifying their place (and expenses) in this colder climate: the post-Cold War world.

The head of the Russian Federal Security Service, Rufuss, is the same Colonel-General Sergei Nekrasov who was head of Smersh under Bulganin. The portmanteau acronym of *Smiert Spionam*, "Death to Spies", has been renamed to make it democratically correct, but its function remains the same. "G" as he is known throughout the ugly modern building at No 13, Sretenka Ulitsa, is now completely bald, and wears an Order of Peace and Democracy beside his two Orders of Lenin. His bushy brows have grown white. But after more than 50 years in the post his is still a hard, unyielding face of formidable authority. He is discussing the crisis with Lieutenant-General Pugachov, Head of the GRU, the intelligence department of the General Staff of the Army.

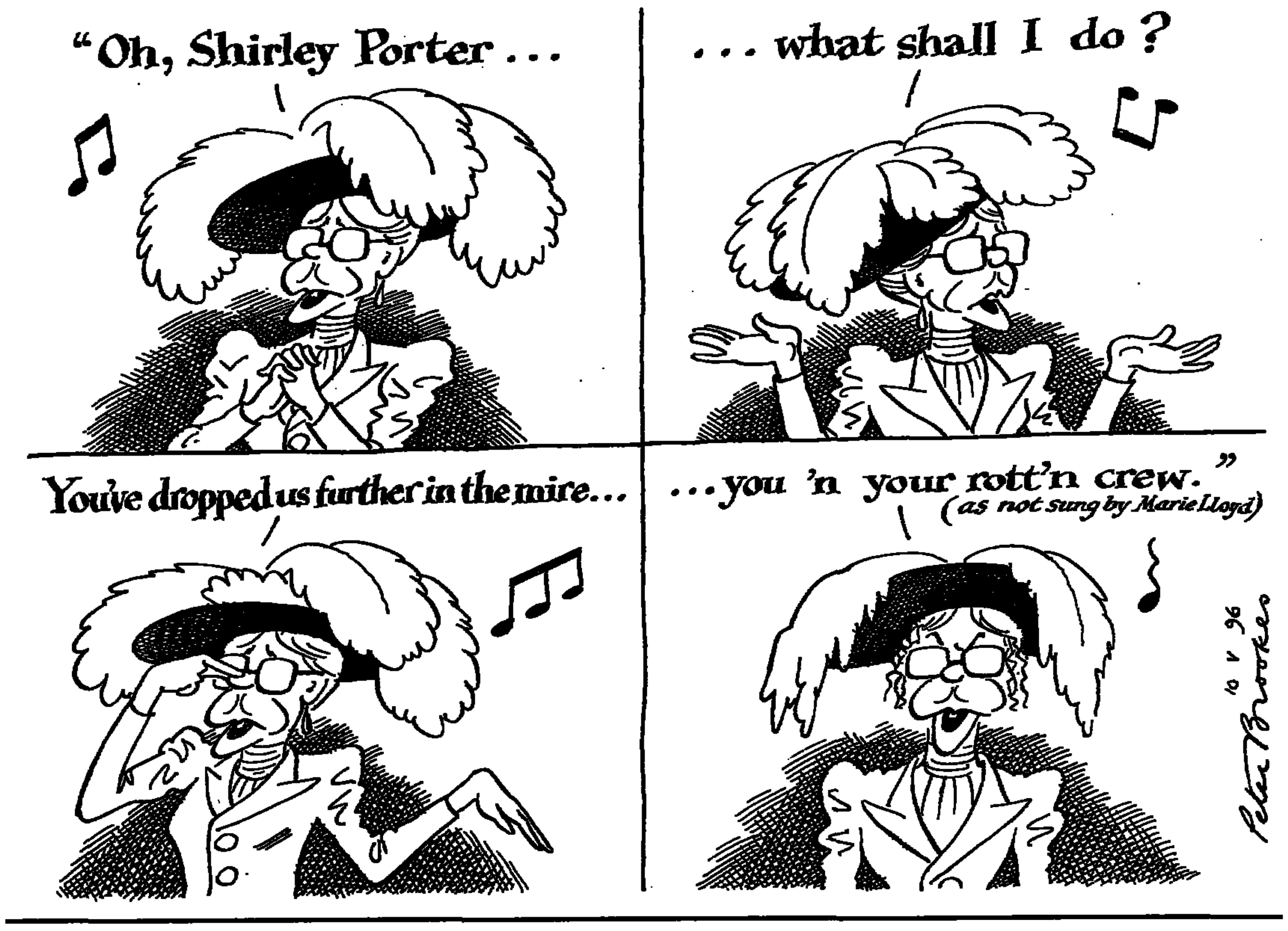
"Whether to expel the nine British spies has been referred to higher authorities. Rufuss has done its work in exposing them. Now it is up to the politicals to find solutions that take into account Russia's national interests." "But Comrade General," said the man from GRU, "Will this not provoke tit-for-tat expulsions? Already we have too many redundant spies."

G replied: "No doubt this is a chance for Comrade Boris to demonstrate his virility before the elections. All good Russians *believe their Motherland is overrun with* foreign spies. So there are votes in appealing to their patriotic paranoia. But I have objective evidence that our friends in London are pleased to see our intelligence activities in the news again. I received a message from M, my British counterpart, in our dead-letter box in Petrovski Park. With English humour it runs: 'Welcome back. It is a pleasure to do business again. The game's afoot.' "

Pugachov: "But M cannot seriously mean it is a pleasure. What business did spies ever do apart from killing each other and making money in the West from books of spurious reminiscences? Most of our 'secret' information was on sale in HMSO publications and technical journals. And even when we got new intelligence, nobody on either side believed it." G: "My friend, you do not understand the importance of the *fiction* of spies to the British. It is true that their spies are civil servants paying crumbs for information that can be read in the newspapers. But the idea of the spy as hero is a minor literary genre at which the British excel.

"Life has not been the same for them since the Berlin Wall came down. It removed a wild frontier to danger from their imagination. Their thriller-writers have tried to substitute Mad Mullahs. But these are less convincing, especially now that Ayatollah Khomeini is dead. And they have tried Napoleons of crime such as Professor Moriarty, as a spider sitting motionless in the centre of its world web. But megalomaniac billionaires intent on world domination already exist in the Western world in pseudo-politicians such as Ross Perot and Sir James Goldsmith. And the British see them as batty as butterflies, as boring as beetles, not as sinister as spiders.

"Four centuries ago the English literary craze was for Jacobean blood and thunder. After the loss of Empire and demotion from being a great power to a middling, not very successful industrial society, British today find comfort in their literary myth of the spy. He may be a gentleman like Sir Richard Hannay, or a quiet Englishman such as Ashenden, or a *don manqué* like Smiley. As we both know, he is totally unlike the real spy, who is a minor criminal with an eye to publisher's royalties. But unlike the real sort, the literary spy always triumphs in the end. And he needs a powerful, ruthless, professional opponent such as Rufuss to triumph over. So we may have no objective function in this weak piping time of peace, apart from winning elections for Boris. But at least we have a literary function: to keep alive the great British spy novel."


"Oh, Shirley Porter . . .
. . . what shall I do?
You've dropped us further in the mire . . .
. . . you 'n your rott'n crew."
(as not sung by Marie Lloyd)
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Peter Brookes

Daughter from Elysium

Beethoven may not have been a religious man, but *Fidelio* proves that he was closer to God than most

Bernard Levin

Some say that Beethoven is taken for granted, and that it is only Mozart who makes us gasp with every note. Some go further and say that Beethoven is old hat. I smile at their impudence, but if Beethoven is old hat, pray give me any hat, however old and battered, and I shall genuflect before it.

Let me assure you that I have not come here to announce the news that Beethoven was a rather good composer. It is that I have been to the Coliseum — the English National Opera, and ENO for short — to hear and see *Fidelio*, and I have much to say on the subject. (I must, of course, ask pardon of all those music-lovers, and particularly Beethoven-lovers, who live too far from London and St Martin's Lane to be there in the flesh, though once upon a time — unless I dreamt it — the ENO thought nothing of taking an entire performance around the country. And are we not even going to hear this one on radio?)

Now then. We know that Beethoven wrote only one opera, and the devil of a job he — and his helpers — had to get it right, throughout all the changes and quarrels. Did, then, Beethoven dislike the very idea of opera and have to be cajoled into *Fidelio* with a cry of "never again"? Well, it *was* never again, but no one could claim that Beethoven would shudder at the thought of doing it again, because his papers reveal an astonishing gallimaufry of operas he toyed with, including *Romeo and Juliet, Alexander the Great, Macbeth, Bradamante, Romulus and Remus, Dragomira, Faust, Alfred the Great, The Founding of Pennsylvania, Melusine, The Return of Ulysses, Bacchus* and *The Ruins of Babylon*.

Yet he chose only *Leonora*, or *Conjugal Love*, and even that changed, into *Fidelio*. And thus it was, and is.

No one could claim that the libretto and the plot are masterpieces: that matters very little. Nor do we need to smile at the heroine when she is disguised as a man — the number of operatic cross-dressings is countless. But for all that, *Fidelio* clutches at the heart and the mind even without the music.

That, if you stop and think about it, is a remarkable statement. It must mean that Beethoven, for all the clumsinesses of the libretto, had infused the words — very few of them his — with something far more than telling a story. It means, surely, that *Fidelio* has yet another layer that we must heed. The late William Mann was entirely steeped in music, and when he surveyed *Fidelio*, he said this:

> The greatness, the undiminishable impact of *Fidelio* . . . flouts all the rules of successful opera, but it strikes hard at the spot which a real opera must strike. In cold blood, and on the libretto's printed page, the characters may appear to be puppets . . . But connect any of them to *Beethoven's music and each one comes to* life; the two dimensions turn into at least four. For . . . the point about *Fidelio* is not that a man falsely imprisoned is saved from murder . . . by his wife's plucky intervention; nor even that she cleverly persuades the jailer's daughter into fancying her a marriageable young man: but that all over the world, at any time in history, injustice is being perpetrated and it can be prevented by the convinced, individual action of anybody on earth who sufficiently believes in the human moralities, and above all the sanctity of human life.

Now Beethoven was no churchgoer, though as the old *Grove* puts it:

"Beethoven's was a deeply religious nature: of this the Mass itself is witness . . . unsustained by canonical doctrine, he strove to reach and encompass a God whom he knew existed but could not comprehend."

But I have not come to give a lecture on *Fidelio*; or rather, I *have* come to give a lecture on *Fidelio*, but of a different kind. Anyone who has followed the work of Graham Vick (as I have) will know that he has directed countless operas, in Britain and elsewhere. More to the point, the man is steeped for life in unwavering integrity.

You do not have to think in terms of profundity: anyone who saw Vick's production of *Eugene Onegin* will know with what delicacy, pain and even *humour this man can bring an old work* to life. Put it beside the dreary bilge of Covent Garden's current *Ring* (particularly the idiotic toy aeroplane wiggling across the backdrop with no conceivable meaning) and you will instantly know the difference between Vick and thingummyjig. So I went, in high heart, to the ENO for the new Vick-made *Fidelio*.

My companion had never heard *Fidelio* — an astonishing admission — for she is far too young to have heard the great Klemperer's triumph and the most recent London attempts were wretched and didn't stay long.

I confess that my palms were clammy through the overture; even my hero Vick might have come a purler. Shame on me, shame to doubt him, for what we saw at the beginning of the work was a huge tarpaulin, almost filling the stage, and as the cloth was peeled away, the entire audience could hear my sigh of relief. For, you see, Beethoven really did not need to be told how to do his work, and Graham Vick did not need to be told how to do *his*. Under that great cloth, there was a massive, immensely handsome, polished wooden cross which almost filled the stage (and remained throughout the evening), immediately telling us that what we were to see and hear came from God and Man. Not just God, and not just Man; the two had joined forces.

I had heard outside the opera house in the interval, and read in some of the newspapers the following day, that what we had heard was, of course, wonderful music, but otherwise no more than a political story, with a bad man properly coming to grief and the good man and woman released from their dungeon. Politics, they said, just as we talk about politics, and hope to achieve the release of an unjustly imprisoned man, with Lord Lane getting it all *wrong as usual. So glorious* is the work, and so marvellously has Vick brought it to life, that I have only just begun to be irritated by those who talk of politics, as though we were truly in the Law Courts. Do, please, broaden your horizon, you who believe that *Fidelio* is an exciting work of music, in which there are goodies and baddies and the baddies get their comeuppance or don't, just like Tosca or Rigoletto. *But Fidelio is not like Tosca or Rigoletto, it is much more like God Almighty.*

The trumpet shall sound; where have you heard those words? Don't bother to look it up, it goes like:

> Behold, I shew you a mystery; We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed, In a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trump: for the trumpet shall sound, and the dead shall be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed.

If you don't believe me, go back to the ENO, get, buy or steal more tickets, and listen to those final bars. You don't have to be an expert in music, you only have to listen to that stupendous ending, filled with God and Man.

No, I do not think that Graham Vick is the thirteenth Apostle, but he can see a cross and what it means; more to the point, I would guess that Beethoven knew what it meant too, even if he didn't go to church every Sunday, or indeed any Sunday. (*Christ on the Mount of Olives* is far from Beethoven's best work, but it strengthens Beethoven's deistic feelings, however irregular.)

Perhaps he thought that he had done enough for a day, with the *Missa Solemnis*. But heaven forfend that Graham Vick should ever think that he had done for the day. In the ENO programme he lists some operas he has directed, and some that are in the pipeline, and so besotted am I with Vick's work, that I have sworn, shuddering, to go to *Lulu*, at Glyndebourne, this season, *and on my birthday*.

Let us come back to Beethoven and *Fidelio*. The clumsiness of the libretto and the awkwardness of the unfolding story hardly matter, and even if they did matter — well, the quartet in the beginning of the first Act is in its own right an imperishable masterpiece. But it is not only an imperishable masterpiece; we are talking of Beethoven, and Beethoven does nothing without meaning it. The quartet floats to heaven (for some, the tears begin there — mine start at the trumpet-call), and we are in no ordinary work; from this moment on, we are in the hands not of Man or God, but Man *and* God. But don't forget the box office; Beethoven wouldn't.

Abuse of power, not money

Sarah Baxter on Westminster's gerrymandering

Disgraceful. Unlawful. Improper. This was the verdict Dame Shirley Porter had fought so long to avoid. She was in London yesterday on a flying visit, having spent the past few years in voluntary exile in California and Israel. She is beyond retirement age now and has given up politics for a life of calisthenics, speedwalking and competitive golf, but the appointed auditor, John Magill, her indomitable, thin-faced foe, has nailed her at last.

Or has he? On the face of it, yes. Dame Shirley and five Westminster council colleagues face a surcharge of £31.6 million for gerrymandering. How satisfying it seems that a millionaire politician should be forced to pay back such an extravagant sum. In the 1980s, she courted publicity with stunts which for long-forgotten reasons involved bringing camels to Downing Street or dressing up as an Indian squaw. Now her public life has ended in very public disgrace. There is a symmetry to this.

Yet does anyone remember what the fuss was about? I do, but then I was in my first job as a reporter on the London magazine *Time Out* when the scandal emerged. A decade ago, after the local elections of May 1986, Dame Shirley feared Labour might win control of the flagship Tory borough. Instructions went to "G. Mander on housing" and to be "mean and nasty" to the homeless, many of whom were lodged outside the borough while council flats in marginal wards were boarded up for sale. Fellow Tories, who disliked her and her policies, began to leak like sieves to me and anyone who cared to listen.

In practice, only a few hundred homes in the so-called battle zone wards were sold and the Tories hit on a far more effective means of staying in power. An unnaturally low council tax has kept Westminster Conservative, while local authorities throughout the land have tumbled to Labour. The whole exercise was both morally wrong and completely unnecessary. Many of those who bought the flats now have negative equity. Homeless families are still in temporary accommodation. Dame Shirley rightly stands condemned for her role in this — and her former colleague, Barry Legg, now the Conservative MP for Milton Keynes, has had a fortunate escape — but the corruption saga should never have taken so long to investigate.

Much of the evidence about gerrymandering was revealed in a BBC *Panorama* programme in 1989. After that, Mr Magill began his digging operation and produced some more telling details. Seven years on, however, the scandal seems tired. Shirley Porter, who in her day was almost as notorious as Margaret Thatcher, can now be cast aside by the Tories. And it is not over yet. Dame Shirley will challenge the auditor's findings. She has the money to make good her vow to battle on "for ever".

The inquiry has taken longer than the Second World War, she says. It is partly her own fault. Mr Magill complained in his provisional report that he was given the runaround. Some documents were shredded, others were buried deep in City Hall files. He considered Lady Porter to be an obstructive witness. "Let me just say, Dame Shirley, if you are frustrated, I am frustrated," he seethed in one encounter.

The auditor knows his verdict has to stand up in court. Leading counsel employed by him have spent months poring over the final report. Nevertheless, it cannot be right that his inquiry has taken twice as long as Sir Richard Scott's much-delayed report into arms sales to Iraq. In the meantime, the accused have had to live with the threat of unlimited fines and bankruptcy. One of them, Michael Dutt, committed suicide.

Dame Shirley claims the whole affair is a miscarriage of justice. That is nonsense. But even her Labour opponents, who have battled so hard, concede that the delay has taken the edge off their satisfaction. In addition, although the Labour Party now favours the idea of swingeing penalties for "wilful misconduct" — it amuses them that a Tory council has been undone by Tory legislation — it opposed them when its own councillors in Lambeth and Liverpool were in the dock.

The Nolan Committee on Standards in Public Life is soon to turn its attention to local government ethics. It should extend its brief to examine whether corruption should be treated purely as an accounting matter. A judge or barrister may be better qualified than the auditor to head some investigations, particularly since a judge has the last say anyway. Mr Magill has so far acted as prosecutor, judge and jury.

The Westminster wrongdoers have been held responsible for misusing council funds when what they did was abuse their power. Their surcharge, based on the cost of implementing the "homes for votes" policy, bears no relation to their ability to pay. As they are jointly liable, Dame Shirley will have to pick up the bill for those who go bankrupt, which also seems unfair. Does this mean that only the poverty-stricken will dare become councillors, when it is already difficult to attract a range of talented people?

A sliding scale of fines and a lengthy ban on holding public office, including the position of MP, might be a more appropriate punishment. A system that leaves me feeling sorry for Shirley Porter cannot be right.

Pop art

TRANSFORMING from pop star to *haut intellectuel* is not proving entirely painless for David Bowie. After the lukewarm critical reception of his paintings recently, he has just received a rebuff from the Institute for Contemporary Arts in London, which is staging a festival to celebrate the tenth anniversary of the death of the French writer Jean Genet, one of Bowie's heroes and the inspiration for his Seventies song, *The Jean Genie*.

Bowie, who these days prefers books, cigarettes and coffee to drugs and thrash guitar, had hoped to give a lecture at the Genet festival. Bowie filmed Genet, the author of *The Thief's Journal*, before the writer's death.

Unfortunately, the organisers were not so hot on the idea. "The last thing we need is David Bowie pontificating on Genet," said one closely involved with the ICA festival. He was offered space to do an installation work instead.

"The ICA actually wanted David to contribute in some shape or form," said a spokesman for Bowie, "and he decided to contribute an installation. He was never planning to give a lecture."

Either way, Bowie's installation, featuring a coffin, peepholes and his amateur Genet films, will be exhibited on the top floor of the ICA — well away from the rest of the proceedings.

● *Should Dame Shirley Porter need succour in these dark days, as she faces a bill of up to £31 million and charges of gerrymandering, she might hark back to the early Eighties, when she founded and chaired the penny-pinching WARS: Westminster Against Reckless Spending.*

Jean Genet: the inspiration

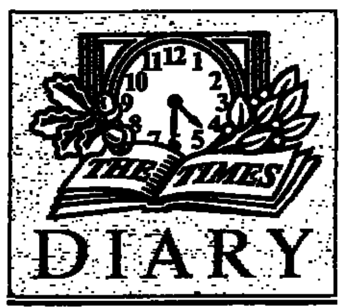
Bowie: the intellectual

Scotch froth

DESPITE all of Michael Forsyth's posturing about not flying the European Union flag on Europe Day yesterday in protest at the EU's beef stance, the Secretary of State for Scotland found himself worsted. His nemesis? Mrs Jeanette Gormley, housewife and guerrilla tactician supreme.

Mrs Gormley, a keen supporter of the Scottish National Party, lives above Conservative HQ in *Stirling, Forsyth's constituency* stronghold. Together with her husband, Charles, they forced a pole out of their front window and left the Euroflag to flap tauntingly above the door. Frantic calls were made to Forsyth, but to no effect.

"It's really just to upset Michael Forsyth," said the formidable Mrs Gormley. "We've been trying to get up his nose for years."



● *The depiction of the Queen's fingers like bloated sausages in Antony Williams's portrait may well have alarmed the monarch. Traditionally such a characteristic has indicated low-born blood. Queen Mary, who had morganatic German ancestors, was derided by her sister-in-law Princess Louise: "Poor May! Poor May! with her Wurtenberg hands."*

Seconds out

HEAVYWEIGHT Euro-battle will be engaged on Wednesday night at Warwick University. In the sceptics corner is John Redwood, MP, the Jack Russell of the Right, while representing Europe is the man-size figure of Sir Leon "Haystacks" Brittan, Vice-President of the European Commission. The debate was to have taken place at lunchtime. Brittan, however, was forced to reschedule, having been told he must be in Brussels over lunch for a visit from Chancellor Kohl. Though deeply unimpressed by the excuse, the Redwoodsmen have agreed to an evening encounter.

● *Life is no beach for the Princess of Wales who was yesterday meeting executives from the German carmakers BMW. Under discussion, apparently, was the possibility of the Princess trading in her snazzy BMW528i for a new coupé, the BMWZ3, which featured in* Goldeneye, *the latest James Bond film . The convertible would look terrific whether tooling through Kensington or zipping over to the gym.*

Rude food

NOT content with having served beef to Chancellor Kohl when he visited London last week, the Government *now seems intent on* putting all visiting foreign dignitaries through their own trial by red meat. At Tuesday's WEU summit, hosted in Birmingham by Malcolm Rifkind and Michael Portillo, the Foreign and Defence Secretaries, 54 foreign and defence ministers from 27 countries were greeted by bloody beef slices lapping across their lunch plates.

Yesterday Rifkind, a man for whom jokes grow funnier with repetition, lunched with Edmund Stoiber, the Bavarian Prime Minister and President of Germany's Upper House, at the Foreign Office. With giggles firmly suppressed a main course of beef Wellington appeared, with no vegetarian alternative.

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DANGEROUS DIVORCE

De Klerk's decision to depart from office is premature

The National Party's decision to leave the South African Government ends a unique period of political harmony. It leaves the country with a serious problem of reassuring overseas markets and partners.

Developments in South African public life since the elections two years ago have been widely admired. The difficult balance between the aspirations of the newly enfranchised majority on the one side and the fears of the white minority on the other have generally been managed with skill and good grace. The powderkeg in KwaZulu, Natal, has not exploded. Much of the credit for this has rightly gone to President Mandela. But he received invaluable support from Chief Buthelezi and F. W. de Klerk.

The National Party has left office in protest at the content of the new constitution adopted on Wednesday. Although Mr de Klerk voted in favour of the documents, he made plain his dissatisfaction with many sections. The party condemns the abandonment of formal power-sharing from 1999 when the new draft takes effect. It also expressed concern that the compromises negotiated on retaining single-language state schooling for Afrikaners, the power of employers to lock out striking workers, and the protection of property rights were too weak and cast largely on the ANC's terms. Its final affirmation of the Constitution, de Klerk stated, was only to avoid the country falling into chaos and to maintain international confidence.

Meanwhile Chief Buthelezi and his Inkatha Freedom Party, which had boycotted the whole constitutional dialogue, said it would challenge the final text in the courts. The atmosphere in KwaZulu, where local elections have already been postponed for a month amid accusations of electoral fraud and politically inspired killings, remains poisonous. It seems that the Chief may now follow the National Party's example and quit the Cabinet too.

International markets have already reacted to this turmoil. The rand, which had already fallen sharply after the resignation of Chris Leibenberg as Finance Minister six weeks ago, has plunged again. The trend is a nervous one: the prospect of a solely ANC government faced with rising expectations and economic crisis is likely to keep nerves tense.

The behaviour of the National Party over the last 48 hours is difficult to justify. A protest against the ending of multiparty Government in 1999 succeeds in bringing it to a close three years earlier. Why vote for a Constitution for the sake of the national interest and overseas opinion on Wednesday, and then invite a greater crisis by resigning from office on Thursday? The core of Mr de Klerk's case was the dominance of the Government by ANC members. It may soon be exclusively staffed by them. While the Constitution may not have been perfect, it contains much designed to placate white interests.

South Africa certainly needed the normal politics of opposition at some point, but this was hardly an opportune moment. Without the restraining influence of the National Party, President Mandela will find managing the Government much harder. It is unclear whether the party itself is ready for the opposition role it has adopted. At present its only prospective partner is Chief Buthelezi. A revival of the old apartheid era alliance of Boer and Zulu can hardly be expected to temper the policies of an ANC administration. Unless Mr de Klerk changes course before June 30, when the Constitution is due to take effect, South Africa will suffer for it. It will take all President Mandela's qualities of charisma and reconciliation to limit the damage.

WESTMINSTER PROCESS

Bad judgments, bad policies and a bad system of redress

The report compiled by the District Auditor, John Magill, paints a damning picture of Tory control of Westminster council. Labour taunted John Major with its findings yesterday and the Prime Minister had to struggle hard to argue that he could not properly pronounce on the guilt of Dame Shirley Porter and her colleagues before they had put their case in open court. In principle Mr Major was justified in avoiding comment. But principle has never played much part in this sorry affair.

The case against Dame Shirley seems simple. The charge is that Westminster council neglected its statutory obligations to house the homeless in its zeal to see council houses sold to potential Tory voters. Mr Magill argues that by designating certain properties for sale, the Council kept the homeless out of them so they could remain available for any prospective buyer. Mr Magill contends that this meant unnecessary extra expenditure in rent lost and money spent housing the homeless in expensive temporary accommodation. Worse, the lives of one hundred families were allegedly put at risk by their being housed in two asbestos-ridden tower blocks while superior homes were available. Worse still, it is argued, the policy was pursued not out of a dis-interested desire to "build stable communities" but a partisan drive to build Tory majorities.

The charges are serious. Bad judgements were made. Bad results occurred. But the whole matter requires more context than has generally been given. It is legitimate, arguably admirable, for any council to encourage home ownership in an inner-city area. There may have been a political benefit for Conservatives in increasing the number of homeowners but there was also a political benefit for the Labour leader of the London County Council, Herbert Morrison, in studding the city with council estates. Morrison was acting in a way he thought both right in policy terms, and potentially politically advantageous. The same was true of Dame Shirley.

Balancing the desirability of extending ownership with duties to those who require social housing is a political calculation. Councillors can get it wrong — and often do. If their sin is political, then the punishment should be political. If Westminster councillors pursued a policy that was fiscally irresponsible, that is a matter for the electors. This Government's forlorn defence of sterling's position in the ERM meant millions were wasted in a day but noone suggests John Major and Norman Lamont should be held personally financially liable. The electorate will decide how they should pay for their political misjudgment come the general election. It should be for the voters of Westminster to decide if they wish to be represented by an authority which pursued the Porter policies.

If councillors have been criminally irresponsible, and put lives at risk, then that is a different matter. They should be pursued under the criminal law. They should enjoy the protection of due process and, if found guilty, feel the full weight of the system. If lives have been endangered the guilty should not be judged by a district auditor who acts like a district attorney.

John Magill's inquiry has lasted longer than John Major's premiership. It has cost £2,746,233. It has placed an immense strain on the families of ten individuals originally accused of wrongdoing. One of those ten committed suicide. Three of them have not been surcharged by the inquiry but they are still much the poorer, having had to incur substantial legal costs which they cannot now recoup. This matter will not end for years yet. Before it does, the wisdom of judging local councillors and officials in this way should be reviewed, and urgently.

CITY BIRDS

The country is quieter but the town is full of song

Birds of very different feathers — conservationists, industrialists, the police and even the Army — yesterday flocked together on the banks of the Mersey. Using the world's loftiest hydraulic platform and mobilising the sort of lumbering track-laying equipment normally used to take on the might of Nato's enemies, they installed two steel boxes nearly 300 feet up on the outside of a disused cooling tower. The purpose of this quasi-military exercise had nothing to do with the defence of our realm. It was to provide a site for the peregrine falcon to breed, safe from unscrupulous humans.

Our sceptr'd isle was once a fortress built by Nature for herself. Nowadays too much of it is more like a sceptic isle, and nature's fortresses are engineered by man. The peregrine, prized by medieval falconers for the slicing speed of its stoop, has been decimated, poisoned by pesticides. Intensive agriculture has removed rural retreats. Fortunately the urban and suburban sprawls provide habitats that birds of old would never have thought of.

Choughs breed in the abandoned mineshafts of slate quarries. Kestrels hover above the banks of motorways where the rough grass verges provide shelter for the mice on which they feed. In the mooring tyres on the banks of canals coots build their homes. As birdsong grows quieter in the countryside, the towns reverberate with song. Sceptical readers will find more from our Weekend section tomorrow.

Since the passing of the Clean Air Act Londoners have seen a huge increase in the number of resident species. The black redstart came over to England after the war to take up residence in bombed buildings; it has never left. Swifts, swallows and martins build under eaves, feasting on flies spawned by rubbish. Cosseted by a blanket of urban warmth, sparrows, thrushes, wagtails and robins survive the harsh winter.

Wrens, by syrupy tradition, dwell in old kettles. But the blackbird, despising such kitsch, prefers a more technological home — car engines, flue pipes and air-conditioning units. Birds feather their nests with the consumerist offcasts: polythene, chocolate wrappings, Sellotape and crisp packets.

The fowls of the air are adapting to man. Man, in turn, is increasingly more solicitous of birds. Volunteers swab oil from guillemots caught in slicks. The SAS guards the nests of ospreys. Artificial islands are constructed in reservoirs to lure water birds. Industry is bequeathing its disused structures to peregrines. Though Chaucer might find himself perplexed by the human zoo inside the Palace of Westminster, outside, in the parks and squares of London, he would find a true Parliament of Fowles.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Britain and Europe: seeking ways round the impasse

From Sir William Nicoll

Sir, The reactions (letters, May 7) to Sir Roy Denman's letter of May 1 show how the power relationship between the rest of the European Union and the UK can be misunderstood.

Unless British secession from the European Union were particularly venomous (and some of the language of today is unpropitious), there is every prospect that the UK could negotiate any one of at least three options: membership of the European Economic Area (giving access to the Single Market), of the Customs Union (although agricultural trade would be a problem), or of an industrial free trade area. There would need to be a separate reciprocal agreement on services if we wanted to hold on to free circulation and rights of establishment.

The rules of a free trade area in goods in such matters as origin, anti-dumping and countervailing duties would beyond doubt be those which the Union currently applies, with British approval, in all its other free trade areas: otherwise other partners would want whatever more favourable treatment the UK had been able to secure. These rules would of course be as World Trade Organisation-proof as they already are. There would be a safeguards clause, open to either party to invoke.

The agreement(s) would provide for institutionalised meetings between the EU and the UK to ensure their good functioning. It is in that forum that the UK could expect to come under continuous pressure to refrain from allegedly uncompetitive behaviour, whether it concerned environmental measures, social and employment policy, fiscality or the exchange rate. The side agreements in the North American Free Trade Agreement show the kind of issues that would unfailingly be addressed.

Since a free trade area does not involve a common commercial policy, the UK would have no standing in EU campaigns to open up difficult markets, just as the EU does not gain from the US-Japan bilaterals.

As to relations with the US, it is American leaders who tell us that out of the EU our significance would diminish. With the one dissenting voice of Mr McNamara in his retrospections, successive Administrations have now been saying it for nearly five decades.

Yours faithfully,
WILLIAM NICOLL
(Director General,
Council of the EU, 1982-91),
Outback, Nackington Road,
Canterbury, Kent.
May 7.

From Mr Ronald Forrest

Sir, Mr Malcolm Rifkind's article, "A national party, not a talking shop" (May 7), will give Tory activists throughout the country hope that the party can approach the general election united on a truly Eurorealist policy.

The Foreign Secretary writes of a Europe remaining "a partnership of nations" and suggests we should champion those "who favour looser partnership". Provided the Government implements this policy in the inter-governmental conference, and provided other leading members of the Cabinet do not now sing from a different hymn sheet, there will be no reason at all for any so-called Eurosceptic to demur.

With such a policy the division between the Tory Party and the Opposition parties will be clear for all to see and a fifth election victory will be a distinct possibility.

Yours faithfully,
RONALD FORREST
(Chairman, Preseli Pembrokeshire Conservative Association),
Delfryn, Castle Morris,
Nr Haverfordwest, Pembrokeshire.
May 7.

From Mr Christopher Jackson

Sir, Remembering the evils brought on Europe by rampant nationalism, I shiver at the instances of ignorance and nationalist prejudice displayed on the centre pages of *The Times* of May 7. Balance and accuracy in this argument is important.

Woodrow Wyatt ("A change of heart on Europe") says, wrongly, that the European Parliament is "determined to be superior to ours though subordinate to the non-elected European Commission". In fact, the European Commission is responsible to the Parliament not vice versa: the commissioners may be dismissed en bloc by the Parliament, though they have not been — yet.

Westminster's support has been and is essential for all measures which have given the EP more power to counterbalance the Council of Ministers and its "unelected" civil servants — while taking no power from Westminster itself, which the EP would not and cannot touch unless Westminster so wills.

Far from being power-mad, it was the European Parliament, not the British Government, that in 1984 was first to push for the decisions-at-the-lowest-level principle of subsidiarity to be incorporated in the treaties — as I know because I proposed the necessary amendment.

Being a "citizen of Europe", at which Mr Nick Royle takes umbrage in his letter (May 7), was decided not by the European Commission but unanimously by the governments of the member states, and in most cases by their parliaments — as are all treaty changes. It brings no responsibilities but a few minor benefits.

And thank goodness the Commission has an office in London whose Head is willing to speak out. Otherwise the miasma of misinformation would be even more pervasive and poisonous to the public mind than already it is.

Yours faithfully,
CHRISTOPHER JACKSON
(MEP for Kent East, European People's Party Parliamentary Group (Conservative) 1979-94),
8 Wellmeade Drive,
Sevenoaks, Kent.
May 7.

From Mr Michael Shrimpton

Sir, It is surprising that the Foreign Secretary should be so openly contemptuous of those in his party who have had the courage to oppose John Major's pro-European policy since Maastricht.

If it is of any comfort to him, many of us in the Labour Party have admired the stand of the Tory Euro-sceptics and their willingness to put the national interest ahead of narrow party political considerations. They have set an example to be followed.

Your humble and obedient servant,
MICHAEL SHRIMPTON,
Francis Taylor Building,
Temple, EC4.
May 7.

From Mr Glynn Downton

Sir, I was interested to read that Malcolm Rifkind considers "global free trade, Britain in Europe, an affordable welfare state, a low-tax nation and first-rate health, housing and education" to be "the main challenges of the next decade".

Perhaps the principal reason that the Conservative Party is held in such low esteem is because the great majority of people in this country have considered the challenges enumerated by Mr Rifkind to be those of this decade, if not of the last, and the electorate is keenly aware of how feebly these challenges have been met thus far.

Yours sincerely,
G. DOWNTON,
66 Park Avenue, Maidstone, Kent.
May 7.

CPS reforms

From Mr Alured Darlington

Sir, With concepts of fairness and independence of which any young person would be proud, the Crown Prosecution Service (articles, Law, April 30 and May 7), like the American prosecution system, should be a much-prized career opportunity.

However, those responsible appear to be keeping the CPS in a straitjacket. Talented lawyers are restricted to contested trials in magistrates' courts or a career in management in which they may have no interest.

What other country forbids its prosecution lawyers to practise in its higher courts? How can a prosecution lawyer get the feel of those courts if he is not allowed to practise in them?

The answer might be to permit CPS lawyers rights of audience in the higher courts. Any concern that prosecutors in a career service might become too prosecution-minded could be met by means of sabbaticals at barristers' chambers, undertaking only defence work, and the allocation of more judicial appointments to those who make the grade.

Yours faithfully,
ALURED DARLINGTON
(Senior Crown prosecutor, 1992-95),
10 St Mary's Road, Ealing, W5.
May 6.

From Mr Paul Whittaker

Sir, Kevin Goodwin (letter, May 7) complains that the Crown Prosecution Service has not recruited lawyers for two years. In Wales several trainee lawyers have been recruited in that period and two have been appointed Crown Prosecutors in my own branch. Response to the most recent national campaign was so great that many excellent candidates have had to be placed on a waiting list.

Mr Goodwin seems to use the term "manager" in a pejorative way, but quality case management is essential to ensure that deadlines, such as the serving of committal papers, are met. This also requires the effective management of staff.

In my experience, many CPS lawyers relish the responsibility given them to manage their own casework and resources.

Yours faithfully,
PAUL WHITTAKER
(Branch Crown prosecutor),
Crown Prosecution Service Wales,
Marches Branch, Bromfield House,
Wrexham Technology Park,
Wrexham, Clwyd.
May 7.

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Bells of Scotland

From Sir Donald Cameron of Lochiel

Sir, Jane Wilkinson (letter, April 23) tells us about the bells of St Leonard's, Shoreditch, which rang in honour of the Duke of Cumberland on his return to London from his victory at Culloden, and asks if there are other such instances relating to the Rising of 1745-46.

There is a tradition in Glasgow of bell-ringing which is very closely associated with Prince Charles Edward's campaign. When his army was retreating from Derby and reached Glasgow the citizens, who were Whig in outlook and politics, viewed the Highlanders with horror and made their feelings clear.

The forces of Prince Charles were so annoyed by their unfriendly attitude that they threatened to sack the city, and were only prevented from doing this by the intervention of my ancestor, known as the "Gentle Lochiel".

So grateful were the provost and baillies that they resolved that whenever a Cameron of Lochiel should officially visit the city, the bells of the Tolbooth should be rung in his honour. They were rung when Lochiel's son, Charles, visited Glasgow in 1776, while the events of 1746 were fresh in the memory of the city council, and this tradition has continued to present times.

In my own time as Chief of Clan Cameron since 1951, the bells have rung on three occasions. On one of them, in 1978, when they were ringing out *The March of the Cameron Men* with great verve and skill, I discovered that the ringers were all members of one family and that the duty and pleasure of ringing the bells had passed from father to son to daughter.

Hopefully, this tradition will long continue.

Yours faithfully,
DONALD CAMERON of LOCHIEL,
Achnacarry
Spean Bridge, Inverness-shire.

Right to drive

From Mr P. T. Hall

Sir, I read with some concern your report (May 4) about the veteran learner driver who has failed her driving test after 1,500 lessons.

Driving a car should not be seen as a right. The misplaced determination of her driving school to score a "pass" does no one any favours.

The learner driver in question admits to getting very nervous when she is behind a wheel. I too get very nervous at the thought of someone so clearly unsuitable being allowed to drive unsupervised on our increasingly busy roads.

Yours sincerely,
PETER HALL,
15 Pembar Avenue,
Walthamstow, E17.
May 4.

Changeable

From Mr Richard A. Wootten

Sir, It is my understanding that using the phrase "hours of darkness" and not "hours of light" (letter, May 6) has less to do with any Satanic influence on modern life than with road traffic legislation. It is an offence to fail to display vehicle lights during darkness.

Perhaps the constabulary prefer the authority of the Met Office to information in even the best pocket diaries, which tend to favour "lighting-up time".

Yours etc,
R. A. WOOTTEN,
Mill Hall,
Porters Mill,
Droitwich, Worcestershire.
May 7.

Living wills

From Dr Christopher Burns-Cox

Sir, The letters from Mr Roger Goss and Dr Margaret White (May 3) on medical ethics and "living wills" may worry readers. Mr Goss states that the patient starves to death if a feeding tube is removed. Death in one to three weeks is due to the effects of lack of body fluid, not starvation. Dr White refers to death from thirst. There is no evidence that in this situation people feel thirst. Meticulous nursing keeps the mouth clean and moist.

The living will is a sensible way of helping others to do what the patient would have wanted: it reduces the suffering of family and friends. Every adult, as well as carrying an organ donor card, should make a will and a living will and provide an enduring power of attorney.

Yours sincerely,
CHRISTOPHER BURNS-COX
(Consultant Physician),
Frenchay Hospital,
Frenchay Park Road, Bristol.

From Dr Helen Cosgrove

Sir, Dr Margaret White suggests that a person who is comatose may also be "peaceful and at rest." Unfortunately the two are not synonymous.

If people are unable to express themselves (either in words or through movement) because of neurological damage, that does not mean they may be incapable of experiencing massive pain or distress caused by that damage. We are not, and never will be, in a position to judge.

Yours faithfully,
H. COSGROVE,
2 Durham Road,
Lanchester, Durham.
May 3.

Women's equality 'still to be won'

From Ms Tessa Jowell, MP for Dulwich (Labour)

Sir, Your report on the increase in the number of complaints of sex discrimination at work made by men ("Feminist accuses men of abusing sex equality laws", May 6) gives less than the full picture.

It is true that the Equal Opportunities Commission received more complaints about job recruitment from men (820) than women (803) last year but, by reporting only these figures, you fail to acknowledge the extent to which women still experience discrimination at work.

The EOC received thousands of other complaints of discrimination last year, almost all of which were made by women. There were 1,488 complaints about maternity pay and conditions and 456 from women who had been dismissed because of pregnancy. Of the 735 complaints about sexual harassment and 1,079 complaints about unequal pay, roughly 99 per cent came from women.

The figures relating to complaints of discrimination in recruitment practices say more about the changing nature of the labour market than about "anti-male discrimination". With the disappearance of traditionally "male" jobs in manufacturing, men are increasingly applying for part-time jobs. What they are finding is they are being turned down because these jobs are still considered "women's jobs". In effect, the figures simply show that men are now experiencing stereotypical attitudes in the same way women have for years.

Discrimination is wrong, whether it be against men or women, but don't let us be lulled into believing that the battle for equality at work for women is anywhere near being won.

Yours sincerely,
TESSA JOWELL
(Shadow Minister for Women),
House of Commons.
May 7.

Bullfighting

From the Director General of the RSPCA

Sir, The RSPCA deplores the barbaric "sport" of bullfighting and the fact that Cristina Sánchez (report and leading article, May 2) has killed about 400 bulls so far is nothing to be proud of.

British taxpayers are still inadvertently subsidising bullfights, as Spanish breeders commonly exploit loopholes in European rules to claim subsidies for the breeding of bulls used in fights. Despite international condemnation by animal welfare groups, bullfights are still common in Spain, Portugal and France and in fact are on the increase.

The slow, gruesome death of more than 30,000 bulls each year in Spain alone (which would be illegal in any slaughterhouse under EU legislation) is a serious animal welfare problem which the RSPCA will continue to campaign against.

Yours faithfully,
PETER DAVIES,
Director General, RSPCA,
Causeway, Horsham, West Sussex.
May 9.

From Dr Jeremy MacClancy

Sir, Cristina Sánchez is not "about to become the first female matador, or first division bullfighter, in the history of Spanish bullfighting" as your report states. There is a long history of women reaching the first division.

What distinguishes Ms Sánchez is the fact that she does not win popularity by playing on her femininity: she relies on the traditional values of pluck, grace, and great determination.

As she has said, "Sex is irrelevant inside a bullring. The bull does not ask for your identity card."

Yours faithfully,
JEREMY MacCLANCY
(Author, *Sport, Identity and Ethnicity*, Berg, 1996),
Oxford Brookes University,
Department of Anthropology,
Gipsy Lane Campus,
Headington, Oxford.
May 3.

Art bypass

From Mr John Murphy

Sir, Can anyone in the arts establishment explain why the Matisse, Vermeer and now the Corot exhibitions leapfrog this country?

I am, Sir, yours faithfully,
JOHN MURPHY,
White House, Pewley Hill,
Guildford, Surrey.
May 6.

Flower power

From Brigadier Norman Allen (retd)

Sir, I note with much regret (report, May 2) that the Army's trained strength has declined to 104,000 — less than the membership of the National Association of Flower Arrangement Societies.

Should General Sir Charles Guthrie require reinforcements, there are many formidable battalions in the NAFAS.

Yours faithfully,
NORMAN ALLEN
(Administrator), NAFAS,
21 Denbigh Street, SW1.
May 3.

COURT CIRCULAR

BUCKINGHAM PALACE
May 9: The Prince Edward, Trustee, The Duke of Edinburgh's Award, this evening attended a Dinner in support of the Award at Marlborough House, London SW1, given by International Petroleum Exchange to celebrate their Fifteenth Anniversary.

BUCKINGHAM PALACE
May 9: The Princess Royal, President, British Knitting and Clothing Export Council, this morning visited Poppy Limited, 44 High Street, Yarm, and was received by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant of North Yorkshire (the Lord Gisborough).

Her Royal Highness, Patron, National Association of Citizens Advice Bureaux, later visited Stockton and District Advice and Information Service, Bath Lane, Stockton-on-Tees, and was received by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant of County Durham (Mr David Grant).

The Princess Royal, President, the Missions to Seamen, afterwards opened the Seafarers Centre, Seal Sands Road, Stockton-on-Tees.

Her Royal Highness, President, The Princess Royal Trust for Carers, this afternoon attended a Fund-raising Luncheon and opened the North Tyneside Carers Centre, Neptune House, Neptune Road, Wallsend, and was received by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant of Tyne and Wear (Colonel Sir Ralph Carr-Ellison).

The Princess Royal, President, The Princess Royal Trust for Carers, later attended a Reception at the Vermont Hotel, Castle Garth, Newcastle upon Tyne.

Her Royal Highness, President, British Olympic Association, this evening attended "Blood Brothers" at the Theatre Royal, Newcastle upon Tyne.

ST JAMES'S PALACE
May 9: The Prince of Wales this afternoon gave a Reception and presented Long Service and Bravery Awards to members of the Gloucestershire Police Force.

His Royal Highness, President, Royal Agricultural College, this evening gave a Reception for staff and students.

YORK HOUSE
March 9: The Duke of Kent, Patron, Ski Club of Great Britain, today presented the Pery Medal, at Eaton Square, London SW1.

His Royal Highness, Grand Master, the United Grand Lodge of England, this evening attended a reception and dinner, Masonic Hall, Braintree, Essex.

The Duchess of Kent, Colonel-in-Chief, this morning visited the 1st Battalion, The Prince of Wales's Own Regiment of Yorkshire, Dale Barracks, Liverpool Street, Chester, Cheshire.

Today's royal engagements

The Princess Royal, as Colonel-in-Chief of The Royal Logistic Corps, will attend the Army Catering Competition at St Omer Barracks, Aldershot, at 10.15.

The Princess Margaret will open the new general practitioners unit and ward for the elderly, Walton Hospital, Chesterfield, Derbyshire, at 3.55; and will visit Lady Manners School, Bakewell, at 2.30.

The Duke of Kent, as Colonel of the Scots Guards Association, will attend a dinner at the HAC, Bisley, Surrey, at 5.40.

Princess Alexandra will present badges and certificates to graduate nurses of the Nightingale and Guy's College of Health, at Central Hall, Westminster, at 2.00.

Luncheons

HM Government
Mr Malcolm Rifkind, QC, Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs, was the host yesterday at a luncheon given by Her Majesty's Government at 1 Carlton Gardens in honour of Dr Edmund Stoiber, Minister-President of Bavaria and President of the Bundesrat, Federal Republic of Germany.

Anglo-Spanish Society
The President of the Generalitat of Catalunya was the guest of honour and speaker at a luncheon of the Anglo-Spanish Society held yesterday at the Travellers Club. The Spanish Ambassador, president, and Sir Robin Fearn, vice-chairman, presided.

Sevenoaks School

The following Awards are announced:

Sixth Form (16+)
Sackville Scholarships
Elizabeth Cass (Woldingham); Rhian Jones (Walthamstow Hall); Julie Bailey (Sevenoaks); Susan Buchan (Combe Bank).

Bleyberg International Baccalaureate Scholarships
Alistair Edwards (St Olave's); Fionna Rutledge (Bundesgymnasium Austria); Stephanie Riddle (Highworth); Erin Lepper (Tunbridge Wells Grammar); Jennifer Lee (Tonbridge Girls' Grammar); Erica Kelly (Walthamstow Hall); Anna Callan (United World College of SE Asia).

Alan Tammadge Mathematics Scholarship
Mark Campbell-James (Newlands Manor).

Geoffrey Garrod Language Scholarship
Isabelle Brewerton (Sevenoaks).

Middle School (13+)
Scholarships
Stephen Dennison (Eylesden Court); Andrew Gourlay (Solefield); Tanya Preston (Holmewood House); Amy Arthur (Cumnor House); Thomas Kendle (New Beacon); Nickyl Raithatha (Hazelwood); Benedict Spokes (New Beacon); Gemma Steel (Vinehall); Richard Tallen (Holmewood House).

Foundation Scholarships
Laura-Anne Barstow (Holmewood House); Melissa Darker (Holmewood House); James Gibb (Hilden Grange); Toby Grimes (Alleyn Court); Richard Hughes (Solefield); John Laird (Solefield); Molly Wood (Sibton Park); Ruth Wotton (DCPS Cranbrook).

Junior School (11+)
Scholarships
Claire Jones (Granville); Amanda Sinden (Amherst); Leopold von Bulow Quirk (Russell House); Thomas Brougham (Solefield); Richard Bunch (Russell House); Philip Dennison (Eylesden Court); Simon Golland (Lady Boswell's); Jessica Jennings (Granville); Alexis Mellon (James Allen's Prep).

Foundation Scholarships
Edmund Blogg (Amherst); George Butchard (Solefield); Nicola Gerrett (Hilden Oaks); Thomas Newman Taylor (Chislehurst Primary); Theodor van Sante Kenley (Papplewick); Nicholas Bamji (Warren Road Primary); Duncan Grieve (Bidborough Primary).

Art Awards
James Lawman (Solefield); Samuel Wilkin (Holmewood House).

Music Awards
Scholarships
Benedikte Hill (Holy Trinity College); Helen Stamp (Coopers Company); Szi-Wun Li (St Mark's, Hong Kong); Edward Holt (Reigate St Mary's); James McVinnie (Sevenoaks); Leopold von Bulow Quirk (Russell House); Alec Frank-Gemmill (Solefield).

Foundation Scholarships
Amy Arthur (Cumnor House); Tanya Preston (Holmewood House); Alexa Scoones (Sevenoaks); Jasmine Leonard (Granville); Samuel Crouch (Russell House).

Sports Awards
Andrew Hill (Penrice); Daisy Bunn (Handcross Park); Laura-Anne Barstow (Holmewood House); Lynn Collis (Holmewood House); Stephanie Haverhals (Pennthorpe); Jesse Newton (Holmewood House); Thomas Recaldin (New Beacon); Blake Sergeant (Holmewood House); Jason Whitmore (New Beacon); Samuel Crouch (Russell House); Laura Hawkins (Granville); Fiona Hedges (Granville); Sophie Robinson (Combe Bank); Jonathan Tassell (Barnard Castle Prep).

Specialist Awards
The Worshipful Company of Pipe Makers and Tobacco Blenders for Academic and All-Round Achievement
Mary-Jane Roberts (Badminton); Naheeda Noormohamed (Coast Academy Mombasa); Leila Hamadeh (Holmewood House); Blake Sergeant (Holmewood House).

Memorial service

Mr Peter Mansfield
A service of thanksgiving for the life of Mr Peter Mansfield, journalist, was held yesterday at St Stephen's, Gloucester Road, SW7. Canon Christopher Colven and the Rev Reginald Bushau officiated.

Mr Richard Adams, nephew, read the lesson. Mr Richard Lockyer, Mr Afif Safieh, the Palestinian General Delegate to the United Kingdom, and Sir James Craig, President of the Middle East Association, gave addresses.

Mr Sami Lash, Minister Plenipotentiary, represented the Embassy of Jordan and Mr Cyril Townsend, MP, director, with Mr Abdul Majid Farid, vice-chairman, The Council for the Advancement of Arab British Understanding. Representatives of the Embassies of Egypt, Kuwait, Saudi Arabia and Lebanon were present.

The Hon Mrs Edward Pleydell-Bouverie

A Thanksgiving Service for the life of the Hon Mrs Edward (Pearl) Pleydell-Bouverie will be held in Beaulieu Abbey Church on Friday, May 17, at 3pm.

Appointments

The Prince of Wales has appointed Mr Jonathan Skan as an Assistant Private Secretary in succession to Mr Matthew Butler who will be returning to industry on completion of his extended secondment. Mr Skan will begin his two-year secondment from BZW Asset Management in July and have particular responsibility for His Royal Highness's charities working in the community and with young people.

His Royal Highness has also appointed Lieutenant-Commander John Lavery, RN, to be his Equerry from July. He will replace Lieutenant-Colonel Patrick Tabor who is returning to duty with the Army.

Mr Anthony Figgis to be ambassador to Austria in succession to Mr Terence Wood who will be retiring.

Mr Richard Alan Bowman to be a Master of the Supreme Court, Chancery Division, from May 10.

Today's birthdays

Maureen Lipman, the actress, is 50 today; Sir Denis Thatcher is 81

Mr W.F.W. Bischoff, chairman, Schroders, 55; Bono, singer, 36; Mr William Cash, MP, 56; Sir Brian Corby, former chairman, Prudential Corporation, 67; Major-General Peter Davies, Director-General, RSPCA, 58; the Marquess of Downshire, 67; Mr Jonathan Edwards, athlete, 30; Major-General Edward Fursdon, defence consultant, 71; Sir Edward Gardner, QC, former MP, 84; Lord Justice Kelly, 76; Mr Justice Laws, 51; Sir William Lithgow, industrialist, 62; Lieutenant-General Sir Anthony Mullens, 60; Lord Mustill, 65; Sir David Orr, former chairman, Unilever, 74; Sir Angus Paton, civil engineer, 91; Mr Bruce Raymond, jockey, 53; the Earl of Rothes, 64; Mr Michael Shea, former press secretary to the Queen, 58; Lord Smith, 82; the Duke of Sutherland, 81; Mrs Barbara Taylor Bradford, author, 63; Sir Duncan Watson, former president, the World Blind Union, 70.

Anniversaries

BIRTHS: Augustin Jean Fresnel, physicist, Broglie, France, 1788; Sir Thomas Lipton, grocer, yachtsman and philanthropist, Glasgow, 1850; Gustav Stresemann, German Chancellor 1923 and 1924, Nobel Peace laureate 1926, Berlin, 1878; Karl Barth, theologian, Basle, 1886; Fred Astaire, dancer and actor, Omaha, Nebraska, 1899.

DEATHS: Leonhard Fuchs, physician and botanist, Tübingen, Germany, 1566; Ulisse Aldrovandi, naturalist, Bologna, 1605; Jean de La Bruyère, writer, Versailles, 1696; Louis XV of France, reigned 1715-74, Versailles, 1774; George Vancouver, explorer, Richmond, Surrey, 1798; Paul Revere, American patriot, Boston, Massachusetts, 1818; Thomas Young, physicist, London, 1829; George Clint, portrait painter, London, 1854; Thomas Jonathan (Stonewall) Jackson, Confederate general in the American Civil War, Chancellorsville, Virginia, 1863; Sir Henry Stanley, explorer, London, 1904; Joan Crawford, actress, New York, 1977; J.B. Morton (Beachcomber), satirist and historian, Worthing, 1979.

The Indian Mutiny began, 1857.

The Central Pacific and Union Pacific railroads linked up at Promontory, Utah, to complete the first US transcontinental railway, 1869.

Dr Ivy Williams became the first woman to be called to the English Bar, 1922.

Winston Churchill replaced Neville Chamberlain as Prime Minister, 1940.

Service dinner

Adjutant General's Corps
The officers of the Adjutant General's Corps dined last night in their Headquarter Mess at Worthy Down. Major-General P.S. Bray, CB, Deputy Colonel Commandant, presided. Major-General M.D. Regan, OBE, Mr Richard Tilt, Major-General D.L. Burden, CB, CBE, Judge Martin Tucker, QC, Mr C.H. Grinsted, JP, and officers recently commissioned into the Corps were among the guests.

Dinner

Old Mercers' Club
Mr W.O. Clarke, Master of the Mercers' Company, accompanied by Mr D.A. Tate, House Warden, and Mr M. Wakeford, Clerk, were the principal guests at the annual dinner of the Old Mercers' Club held last night at Mercers' Hall. Mr P.F. Clark presided.

The London Institute

At a ceremony held yesterday at The Cochrane Theatre, Southampton Row, Mr Julian E. Markham, Chairman of The London Institute's Court of Governors, conferred the Institute's first honorary fellowships upon the following distinguished alumni working in the field of art and design: Mr Patrick Caulfield, Mr Tom Eckersley, Miss Lydia Kemeny, Mr Ralph Koltai, Mr Colin Pearson, and Gilbert and George.

Travellers Club

The Right Hon Malcolm Rifkind, QC, Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs, was Guest of Honour and Speaker at a Travellers Club Evening held last night at the club. Sir Peregrine Rhodes, Chairman, presided.

Royal Navy

Rear-Admiral F.P. Scourse to be Acting Controller of the Navy from May 1 in succession to Vice-Admiral Sir Robert Walmsley.

Forthcoming marriages

Mr R.P. Biancalana and Miss E.A. Phillips
The two families are happy to announce the engagement of Ralph Peter, elder son of Mr and Mrs R.P. Biancalana, of Houston, Texas, and Elen Angharad, only daughter of Professor and Mrs Glyn O. Phillips, of Radur, Cardiff.

Mr R.M.R. Burridge and Miss S.M. Barradell
The engagement is announced between Richard Michael Roll, elder son of Mr and Mrs I.D.C. Burridge, of Waltham St Lawrence, Berkshire, and Susan Melanie, daughter of Mr and Mrs M.J. Barradell, of Tutukaka, New Zealand.

Mr P.A.C. Carter and Miss G.E. Perry
The engagement is announced between Paul, only son of Mr and Mrs Peter Carter, of Bedmonton, Kent, and Gemma, only daughter of Mr and Mrs Jonathan Perry, of Dell Quay, Chichester.

Mr J.B. Chivers and Miss G.M. Browning
The engagement is announced between Ben, son of Mrs Judith Chivers and the late Mr John Chivers, of Cambridge, and Georgina, daughter of Mr Chips and Dr Angela Browning, of Shadwell, Leeds.

Mr L.M. Hansson and Miss C.W. Buchanan
The engagement is announced between Magnus, eldest son of Mr and Mrs Leif Hansson, of Lerkil, Sweden, and Catherine, only daughter of Mr C.A. Buchanan, of Lisbon, Portugal, and Mrs Polly Nelson, of Florida, USA.

Mr D.L.T. Murphy and Miss R.E. Boone
The engagement is announced between David, son of Mrs Julia Murphy and the late Leo Murphy, of Oxford, and Rachel, elder daughter of Mrs Carol Boone and the late Nicholas Boone, of Upper Slaughter, Gloucestershire.

Mr G. Sandilant and Miss S.L. Axford
The engagement is announced between Graham, eldest son of Mr and Mrs John Sandilant, of Lugarno, Sydney, Australia, and Sarah Louise, daughter of Mr and Mrs Peter Axford, of Virginia Water, Surrey.

Mr W.C.B. Peggie and Miss S.A. Caplan
The engagement is announced between William, elder son of Mr and Mrs Robert Peggie, of Broughty Ferry, Dundee, Scotland, and Sarah, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs Jeremy Caplan, of St Lawrence, Jersey, Channel Islands.

Mr D. Southern and Miss V. Blackwood
The engagement is announced between David, son of Dr and Mrs Keith Southern, of Titchfield, Hampshire, and Vanessa, daughter of Mr and Mrs Michael Blackwood, of Edinburgh.

Mr H.W. Stevens and Miss D.K. Falle
The engagement is announced, from Hong Kong, between Henry Wykeham, eldest son of Mr and Mrs W.H. Stevens, of North Perrott, Somerset, and Dania Katarina, elder daughter of Advocate Richard Falle, of Grouville, Jersey, and Mrs Juliana Falle, of St Clement, Jersey.

Mr S.A. Wilkins and Miss K.J.S. Boyd
Mr John Boyd, QC, and Mrs Boyd, of Ross-on-Wye, Herefordshire, are pleased to announce the engagement of their only daughter, Karin, to Simon, only son of Mr and Mrs Ronald Wilkins, of Maidenhead, Berkshire.

Marriage

Mr W.A.L. Cohen and Miss L.J. Wheatley
The marriage took place yesterday at Sutton Coldfield Town Hall of Mr William Cohen, youngest son of the late the Hon Hugh Cohen and of the Hon Mrs Cohen, of Crowthorne, Berkshire, to Miss Louise Wheatley, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs Owen Wheatley, of Sutton Coldfield.

The bride, who was given in marriage by her father, was attended by Oliver Cohen, Hugo Cohen, Emily Cohen, Henrietta Cohen, Oliver Wheatley, Hannah Wheatley, Sebastian Wheatley, Olivia Wheatley, Molly Eldridge, Venetia Cohen and Miss Susie Eldridge. Mr John Longbottom was best man.

A reception was held at the home of the bride and the honeymoon will be spent in Scotland.

Armed Forces honours and awards

Details of awards for gallant and distinguished service in the former Republic of Yugoslavia, Northern Ireland and Angola are published today:

Former Republic of Yugoslavia

BAR TO DSO
Lt-Gen Sir Rupert Anthony Smith, late Parachute Regiment.

DSO
Lt-Col Jonathon Peter Riley, The Royal Welch Fusiliers.

CGC
Colour Sgt Peter Humphreys, The Royal Welch Fusiliers.

MC
WO1 James Condon, The Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders; Cpl Simon James George Harvey, The Devonshire and Dorset Regiment; Lt Hugh Neil Charles Nightingale, The Royal Welch Fusiliers; Cpl David Howell Parry, The Royal Welch Fusiliers; Maj Richard John Westley, The Royal Welch Fusiliers.

MiD
Colour Sgt Francis Patrick Balfe, The Royal Regiment of Fusiliers; Flight Lt Robert John Cargill, RAF; Staff Sgt Andrew Mark Donovan, The Devonshire and Dorset Regiment; Lance Cpl Matthew John Harmer, The Royal Welch Fusiliers; Lance Cpl Anthony Richard Jones, The Royal Welch Fusiliers; Lt Glyn David Cledwyn Llewellyn, The Royal Welch Fusiliers; Capt James Ian Robertson Phillips, Royal Regiment of Artillery; Cpl Steven James Sullivan, The Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders; Sgt Mark David Taylor, The Royal Welch Fusiliers; Sgt Eamon James Timmons, The Royal Welch Fusiliers; Cpl David William Vaatstra, The Royal Welch Fusiliers; Cpl John Dylan Williams, The Royal Welch Fusiliers; Cpl Andrew Raymond John Wood, Coldstream Guards.

QCB
Cpl Jonathan Nicholas Lane, Adjutant General's Corps (RMP).

QCVS
Colour Sgt Andrew Stuart Bates, Grenadier Guards; Maj Simon Charles Darroch Baynham, Intelligence Corps; Capt Eliot William Timothy Beck, The Royal Logistic Corps; Lance Cpl Philip Bird, The Royal Welch Fusiliers; Maj Colin James Boag, Corps of Royal Engineers; Maj Christopher Duncan Bradley, Royal Regiment of Artillery; Lt-Col Jeffrey Robson Cook, The Devonshire and Dorset Regiment; Maj Stuart Huxley Cowen, The Blues and Royals; Capt Roland Charles David Dangerfield, The Royal Dragoon Guards; Maj Peter Alison Edgeworth, retd, The Royal Irish Regiment; Capt Mark Jonathan Edkins, The Royal Regiment of Wales; Staff Sgt Stuart Ferguson, Corps of Royal Engineers; Capt Ian Andrew Forbes, Royal Navy; Capt Christopher Duncan Stuart Green, The Royal Logistic Corps; Lance Cpl Paul Linsey Joseph Hart, The Royal Logistic Corps; Maj Stephen Gregory James, Royal Regiment of Artillery; Capt Christopher Jones, Corps of Royal Engineers; Maj Philip Adrian Jones, The Royal Welch Fusiliers; Capt Markus Charles Jesse Lloyd, The Devonshire and Dorset Regiment; Col Mark Francis Noel Mans, late Corps of Royal Engineers; Lt Dominic Peter May, Royal Marines; Col David Vernon Nicholls, Royal Marines; Lt-Col Geoffrey Andrew Nield, Corps of Royal Engineers; Brigadier Andrew Robert Douglas Pringle, late Royal Green Jackets; Sgt Andrew Pugh, The Royal Logistic Corps; Capt Stephen William Ramsey, Royal Regiment of Fusiliers; Lt Ian Seabrook, Royal Navy; Cpl Shailendra Shrestha, Royal Gurkha Rifles; Cpl Paul David Wilcock, Royal Corps of Signals.

CB
Maj-Gen David Anthony Somerset Pennefather, Royal Marines.

CBE
Group Capt George Graham Cullington, RAF; Brigadier Arthur George Denaro, late the Queen's Royal Irish Hussars; Col Hamish Murray Fletcher, late the Parachute Regiment; Col Simon Douglas Young, late Devonshire and Dorset Regiment.

OBE
Lt-Col Richard Arthur David Applegate, Royal Regiment of Artillery; Lt-Col James Robert John Baxter, Royal Regiment of Artillery; Wing Commander Kenneth Leslie Cornfield, RAF; Lt-Col Gary Robert Coward, Army Air Corps; Lt-Col Neil Martin Fairclough, Corps of Royal Engineers; Lt-Col Martin John Rutledge, 9th/12th Royal Lancers.

MBE
Maj John David BevaN, The Royal Logistic Corps; Flight Sgt Peter Samuel Bowsher, RAF; WO2 Leslie James Braddon, The Devonshire and Dorset Regiment; Maj Richard Roderick Davis, Corps of Royal Engineers; Squadron Leader Malcolm James French, RAF; Maj John David Adam Galt, The Royal Logistic Corps; Lance Cpl Anthony John Gardner, Royal Marines; Flight Lt Andrew Jonathan Hall, RAF; Cpl David Hartley, Corps of Royal Engineers; WO2 Alan Jacques, The Royal Welch Fusiliers; Staff Sgt Kenneth Bryan Jones, The Royal Logistic Corps; Colour Sgt Melvin John Jones, The Royal Welch Fusiliers; Maj David Charles Kirk, The Royal Highland Fusiliers; Sgt Barry Martin Langley, The Royal Logistic Corps; Capt John Garth Lighten, The Queen's Lancashire Regiment; Lt Commander Jeremy Peter Millward, Royal Navy; Maj Timothy James Smith, The Royal Anglian Regiment; Maj Jonathan Forbes Watson, The Devonshire and Dorset Regiment.

Northern Ireland

CBE
Col John Seumas Kerr, The Royal Logistic Corps; Brigadier Seymour Hector Russell Hale Monro, late Queen's Own Highlanders; Brigadier Charles Redmond Watt, late Welsh Guards.

OBE
Lt-Col James Stewart Douglas, The Royal Irish Regiment; Lt-Col Richard Edward Harrold, The Royal Anglian Regiment; Lt-Col Kevin Hodgson, The Royal Irish Regiment.

MBE
Colour Sgt Brian John Aitken, The King's Own Scottish Borderers; Maj Robin Charles Lucas Clifford, The Royal Dragoon Guards; Staff Sgt Stuart Mark Farrag, Intelligence Corps; Capt Stephen John Hayward, The Parachute Regiment; Capt David Michael Herring, Intelligence Corps; Maj Christopher Hugo Hodder, The Royal Logistic Corps; Sgt Brian Joyce, Intelligence Corps; Capt Shaun O'Brien, The Royal Logistic Corps; Maj Anthony Paul Rees Roberts, Royal Corps of Signals; Maj David John Robinson, The Royal Irish Regiment; Maj Richard Hardy Duncan Toomey, The Devonshire and Dorset Regiment.

QGM
Sgt Christopher James Knight, The Parachute Regiment; Sgt Gavin Tait, Intelligence Corps.

AFC
Staff Sgt Paul Glen Bookham, Army Air Corps.

QCB
WO2 Richard Charles Acott, Intelligence Corps; Cpl Robert James Collins, The Parachute Regiment; Sgt Paul Lawrence, The Duke of Wellington's Regiment; WO2 Adam William Johnson, The Princess of Wales's Royal Regiment; Cpl Kevin Roy Murphy, The Princess of Wales's Royal Regiment; Lt Alexander Bruce Murray, Royal Marines; Petty Officer Radio Supervisor Mark Andrew Taylor, Royal Navy; Cpl Jonathan Turner, The Parachute Regiment.

QCVS
WO2 Andrew Robert Ansell, Army Air Corps; Maj Willem Henk Buckley, The Parachute Regiment; Cpl Denis Edward Buff, The Parachute Regiment; Maj John Francis Burke, The Princess of Wales's Royal Regiment; Capt David John Collins, The Parachute Regiment; Capt Matthew Johnathan Conway, The Royal Regiment of Wales; Cpl Robert Crane, The King's Regiment; Warrant Officer Class 2 Stuart Michael Crofts, 9th/12th Royal Lancers; Lt-Col Andrew Peter Farquhar, The Green Howards; WO2 David Garrett, Coldstream Guards; Staff Sgt Kristian Rhys George, The Royal Logistic Corps; The Rev Leslie Tyrone James Hillary, Chaplain to the Forces 4th Class, Royal Army Chaplains' Department; Lt-Col Clive Osborne Hodges, The Kings Regiment; Maj Timothy James Hurley, The Princess of Wales's Royal Regiment; Sgt Neal Craig Kerr, Corps of Royal Electrical and Mechanical Engineers; Maj Phillip Jeffery King, The Royal Gloucestershire, Berkshire and Wiltshire Regiment; Lt-Col Simon James Knapper, The Staffordshire Regiment; Maj Philip Michael Lewis, The Duke of Wellington's Regiment; Lance Cpl David Wayne Lloyd, The Royal Irish Regiment; Cpl Karen MacDonald, Adjutant General's Corps (SPS); Capt Richard Charles Macnamee, Scots Guards; Staff Sgt Karol Adam Mamos, Adjutant General's Corps (RMP); Lt-Col Godfrey Jason John McFall, The Parachute Regiment; Colour Sgt Joseph Hans Mohamed McLaughlan, The Princess of Wales's Royal Regiment; WO2 Mark John Pickard, Intelligence Corps; Lt-Col John Potter, The Royal Irish Regiment; Maj Gordon John Thomas Rafferty, Royal Corps of Signals; Capt Richard Burton Rands, The Parachute Regiment; Squadron Leader Graham Michael Russell, RAF; Lt James Marcus Salisbury, The Cheshire Regiment; WO1 Carl Paul Shead, Royal Corps of Signals; WO1 David Alan Stewart, Royal Corps of Signals; Cpl Robert Scott Tomlinson, Adjutant General's Corps (RMP); Cpl Steven James Wills, Corps of Royal Engineers; Lance Cpl Kevin Peter Yorke, Royal Corps of Signals.

Angola

OBE
Lt-Col John Henry O'Hare, The Royal Logistic Corps; Capt William Michael Walworth, Royal Fleet Auxiliary.

MBE
Maj Martin Hugh Bazire, The Royal Logistic Corps; WO1 Peter James King, The Royal Logistic Corps.

QCVS
Maj Richard Hugh Walter St George Bodington, Welsh Guards; First Officer David Gatenby, Royal Fleet Auxiliary; WO2 Robert Harrison, Corps of Royal Engineers; Capt Lyanne Jan Maclean, The Royal Logistic Corps; Maj Andrew Charles Nixon, The Royal Logistic Corps; Maj Christopher John Rose, Corps of Royal Engineers; WO2 Michael Joseph Martin Rutland, Intelligence Corps.

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James 5 : 7 (REB).

BIRTHS

ASHBY - On April 30th, to Gillian (née Cronk) and Tim, a son, Robert James Stanley Maxted.

BARRELL - On April 26th 1996, to Amanda (née Fearnley) and Julian, a son, William Alec Donald.

BES - On 8th May, to Sarah (née Cassidy) and Pierre, a son, Félix Joe André at Megève, France.

CARR - On May 8th, to Adrian and Sandra, a daughter, Natasha Laurene. Congratulations!

CHIPPENDALE - On May 9th 1996, to Louise (née Webb) and Mark, a daughter, Lauren Rose Joy.

GUINNESS - On May 1st 1996, to Amanda and Dominic, a daughter, Sophia Fenella.

HAAS - On April 28th, to Deirdre (née Stamp) and Richard, a son, James Robert Leonard, a brother for Laura.

HEAD - On May 2nd at The Portland Hospital, to Gillian and Gary, a boy, Harry John Collins.

HUME - On May 3rd 1996, to Margaret (née Lewis) and Mark, a son, Alexander, a brother for Sophie.

JACKS - On May 5th, to Linda (née Butcher) and Nicholas, a daughter, Katherine Emma.

LOSS - On 4th May 1996, to Catherine and Edward, a daughter, Harriet Mary, a sister for Henry and John.

MELLETT - A daughter, Eliza Eve to Richard and Patricia (née Spencer), a sister for Alexis and Edward, on 8th May.

POWE - On 29th April 1996, to Susan (née Capon) and Rory, a daughter, Emily Joy.

RIDSDILL SMITH - To Frances (née Cockayne) and William, a son, Laurie William, on Tuesday 7th May 1996 at the West Suffolk Hospital.

BIRTHS

THOMAS - On 11th April 1996, to Julia and Paul, a beautiful daughter, Laura Beatrice.

MARRIAGES

BROSE:YOUNG - On Saturday 4th May 1996 between Julian S. Brose, son of Mr and Mrs P. Brose, and Miss Miranda G. Young, daughter of Dr. and Mrs N. Young, at the St. Sarkis Armenian Church, Kensington.

DEATHS

ALLISSTONE - John Lloyd. On May 6th, one week before his 90th birthday, suddenly but completely peacefully in the special care of West Wittering Private Nursing Home. Devoted husband of the late Elsie Eaves, singer and broadcaster, and a much loved father, grandfather, great-grandfather, brother, uncle and friend. Funeral at Chichester Crematorium on Friday May 17th at 4.30 pm. Donations in lieu of flowers to RAF Benevolent Fund please.

BELL - On May 7th 1996 peacefully at his home after a long illness, Major Bruce, late Scots Guards aged 66 years. Beloved husband of Sheila, father of Christopher and Andrew. A Service of Thanksgiving will be held at St David's Church, Little Dew Church, Hereford, on Friday May 17th at 3.30 pm. No flowers, no letters by request. If desired donations for St David's Church and Little Dew Church Village Hall may be sent to Colin D. Quinsey, Abbotsfield Funeral Directors, Monkmoor Street, Hereford, tel: (01432) 356445.

DEATHS

BROWNSON - Harry. Died peacefully in Kingston Hospital Wednesday 8th May after a short illness, aged 87 years. Funeral Service at Our Lady of Lourdes, Hampton Court Way, 2 pm Wednesday 15th May. All family and friends most welcome. Flowers to F.W. Paine, 108 High Street, Esher, by midday.

CLOVER - Suddenly on 8th May 1996, Charles George of South Stoke. Private funeral to take place next week.

COOPER - After a long illness Peter Cooper F.C.A., died peacefully at his home in Ibiza, on 9th May. Cremation in Barcelona. There will be a Memorial Service in Santa Eulalia, Ibiza.

COWAN - Jane Emma Duder, peacefully at Kelso Hospital on 8th May, 1996, Jane, (née Harvey-Webb), Edrom, Duns, Berwickshire. Cellist and formerly Director of International Cello Centre, wife of Christopher, mother of Francis, Maeve and Lucy, grandmother of Andrea, also adoptive mother of Henry, Helen and Irina, sister of John, George and Margaret. Funeral Service at 12 noon on Monday 13th May at Edrom Church, Duns. Interment thereafter in Church Yard. No flowers please, but donations welcome to Alzheimer's Society, (England), Gordon House, 10 Greencoat Place, London SW1P 1PH.

DORAN - Eileen (née Sadler) peacefully in her sleep on 8th May 1996 at Thornton-le-Dale, North Yorkshire. Beloved wife of the late William Doran and much loved stepmother of Michael, Christopher, Tony and Adrian. Service and cremation at Woodlands Crematorium, Scarborough, on Wednesday May 15th at 1.20 pm. Flowers to F.A. Stockill & Son Funeral Directors, Snainton, Scarborough or donations if wished to Age Concern. Collection box will be provided at the service or donations may be sent to F.A. Stockill & Son, tel: (01723) 859279.

DEATHS

DUNNE - On May 7th, 1996, Francis Joseph Langan, beloved by his wife Anne, his children, Lucy, Crispin, Tom and Emma, his grandchildren and his sisters and brothers. Funeral Service will be held on Monday May 13th 1996 at 12 noon at St Benet's Church, Beccles. Family flowers only, please but donations - if desired - to The Lord Kitchener Memorial Holiday Centre for Ex-Servicemen and Women, Kirkley Cliff, Lowestoft, Suffolk.

EDWARDS-JONES - Isobel, formerly at Ballantine Dykes (née H-C-Borgnis), on May 8th 1996 peacefully, beloved wife of Tony and adored mother of Emily, Alice and Victoria. Memorial Service St Mary's Church, Ullenhall, on Tuesday May 14th at 2.30 pm. No flowers. Donations to Myton Hospice, Warwick Road, Warwick and St John's Ambulance, Stratford-on-Avon.

HOLROYD - On May 7th 1996 at The Goldsborough Nursing Home Harrogate, aged 96 years. Susanne beloved wife of the late Richard, dear mother of Caroline and Sue. Service at St Wilfrid's Church, Duchy Road, Harrogate, on Monday 13th May at 1.15. Interment private. Family flowers only please. Donations in memory may be given to St Wilfrid's Church.

MACGINNIS - Mary Frances (Molly) May 3rd aged 38. Beloved daughter of Carolyn and the late Francis, sister of Katherine, George, John and Niall. Funeral Mass Church of the Immaculate Conception, Farm Street, London W1, 10.30 am Wednesday May 15th. Family will receive at Royal Green Jackets Club, 52 Davies Street, W1, following the service. Burial 4 pm Marden, Kent. If desired donations to King Edward VII Hospital for Officers, Appeals Office, 6 Buckingham Place, London SW1.

DEATHS

SARANTIS - Byron Frangiscos peacefully at home on 7th May, after a long illness borne with great courage. Dearly loved husband of Annette, beloved father of Stephanie and Valentino, proud grandfather and great-grandfather. The funeral took place in Athens on Wednesday 8th May.

SMITH - Peacefully at the Andrew Smith Unit Dunston Hill Hospital, on May 9th aged 75 years, Dr. Andrew Smith O.B.E., F.R.C.G.P., of Whickham Newcastle upon Tyne. Much loved husband of Denise. Service at Whickham Parish Church on Monday 13th May at 1.45pm, followed by private cremation. No flowers but donations to N.E.A.D.S. Sheriff Leas, Springfield Road, Newcastle NE5 3DS.

THOMAS - Bernard aged 76 years in St John's Hospice, Lancaster, of Shaftesbury Place, Lancaster, the dearly loved husband of Peggy, much loved father of the late Christopher, loving father-in-law of Sue and devoted grandpa of Alexandra. Funeral Service will take place at Lancaster and Morecambe Crematorium on Wednesday 15th May at 11.30 am. Family flowers only please. Donations in Bernard's memory may be given to St John's Hospice, Lancaster and will be gratefully received by Funeral Directors J. Mason & Son, 19 Moor Lane, Lancaster, tel: (01524) 65304.

TOWNEND - Edward Pelham aged 72 suddenly on Monday 6th May 1996 at Wexham Park Hospital, very much loved husband of Pam, father of Mark and grandfather. Funeral at Chalfont St Peter's Church at 3 pm on Tuesday 14th May followed by cremation at Chilterns Crematorium. Family flowers only. Donations may be given to Wexham Park and Heatherwood Heart Trust c/o Arnold Funeral Service, 38 Oak End Way, Gerrards Cross, SL9 8BR, tel: (01753) 891892.

DEATHS

TREBY - Peter Henry. Dearly loved husband of Betty, father of Frances and Alan, grandfather of Harriet, died suddenly on Friday 3rd May. Funeral Service at St Mary's, Hertingfordbury on Monday 13th May at 3 pm. Family flowers only. Donations to British Heart Foundation.

THANKSGIVING SERVICES

MACKRILL - A Service of Thanksgiving for the life of Robert Edward Mackrill will be held at St Bride's Church, Fleet Street, London, EC4 on Tuesday 4th June 1996 at 5.30 pm.

IN MEMORIAM – PRIVATE

IREDELL - David. In constant loving memory of my darling husband who died 10th May 1989. "Mens Conscia Recti". Denise.

IN MEMORIAM – WAR

BATTLE OF FRANCE - On the 56th anniversary of the opening of the Battle of France, this notice commemorates the exploits of all ranks of the 48th (South Midland) Division who, led by their gallant commander, Major General A.F.A.N. Thorne, CB CMG DSO, fought their way from Brussels, and beyond, to Dunkirk and the beaches at Bray Dunes, whence the survivors sailed for home to continue their fight against the forces of evil. Recordemur cum gloria facta militum legionis III. Deboemorum.

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GENERAL JEAN CRÉPIN

General Jean Crépin, *Commander-in-Chief* of Allied Forces, Central *Europe*, 1963-66, *died on* May 4 aged 87. He was born in Bernaville (Somme) on September 1, 1908.

A PROGRESSIVE weapons engineer who was responsible for France's remarkable postwar achievements in missile development, Jean Crépin also has his place in the history of the Fifth Republic for his steadfastness in its time of peril during the Algerian crisis in 1960. When General Massu was dismissed from his command of the Algiers Army Corps on January 22, 1960, after *publicly* disagreeing with de Gaulle's thoughts *on home rule for Algeria in the* columns of the Munich newspaper *Süddeutsche Zeitung*, Crépin was appointed in his stead.

The situation was explosive. A popular paratroop commander, Massu was the darling of the Army. His sentiment: "We no longer understand the policy of de Gaulle... the Army will never leave Algeria," echoed the *inmost thoughts* of most of Algeria's French settlers. Even *General Challe, de Gaulle's* Commander-in-Chief in Algeria who was then on a visit to Paris, was equivocal in his support of the President of France. Several of de Gaulle's ministers also feared that the dismissal of Massu would lead to a revolt.

They were proved right. In Algiers French citizens took to the streets and barricades were erected. Demonstrators roamed the streets shouting "De Gaulle au poteau" (De *Gaulle* to the gallows). Pierre Lagaillarde, a Deputy in the National Assembly, put on his paratrooper's uniform and, at *the head of a crowd of insurgents*, siezed the university buildings, shouting: "We prefer death to surrender!"

At the head of his corps Crépin stood firm. Over loudspeakers he broadcast a nonstop demand that the insurgents surrender. He had the rebels' electricity and water cut off. He prevented other rebellious spirits from approaching the university.

Within a few days the revolt was over and *its* members laid down their arms. Lagaillarde was arrested and sent to Paris. Crépin's loyalty was rewarded by his being made C-in-C Algeria *in succession to* Challe.

Jean Crépin was the son of a northern industrialist. Educated at the Lycée Saint-Louis in Paris, he later graduated from the École Polytechnique. *He then joined the Army* and as a young lieutenant served *in the colonial artillery in* China in 1930 and then in the Cameroons, North Africa and the Sahara. The outbreak of war in 1939 found him serving as an artillery *chef d'escadron*. He had already made himself a reputation as an innovative gunner, and his principles of artillery co-ordination and range-finding were to prove useful to the Free French Army in North Africa.

In August 1940 Major, later Marshal, Philippe Leclerc, who had been sent by de Gaulle to the Cameroons, found Crépin and other Gaullists in Victoria, British Cameroons, *where they had gone* from Douala, French Cameroons, then occupied by the Vichy. The Free French retook Douala and then Gabon. Crépin later fought with Leclerc's 2nd Armoured Divi*sion in Libya and alongside* the British in the Tunisian *campaign of 1943. He later* rose to command the artillery *of the 2nd Armoured Division* and was in that post when Leclerc *entered Paris in* August 1944.

De Gaulle, who appreciated this gruff, no-nonsense but highly capable officer, made him a Compagnon de la Libération, the highest Free French honour. At the end of the war the 2nd Armoured Division was involved in the capture of Hitler's fortress at Berchtesgaden.

But within a few months of *the end of the war in Europe*, Leclerc, Crépin and other offi*cers were on their* way to Indo-China with the French expeditionary force. Crépin was appointed deputy commanding officer of French forces in northern Indo-China and took part in negotiations *with the Vietminh*.

The failure of these talks led *to Ho Chi Minh declaring a* war that was to have dire *consequences for France and* the United States. While Leclerc occupied Hanoi, Crépin was appointed Commissaire de la République in Tonkin and North Annam.

He did not stay long in Indo-China. Back in Paris in the late 1940s, Crépin was promoted to the rank of general and moved onto the political stage as senior military adviser to the Defence Minister René Pleven and the Prime *Minister Georges Bidault. In* the mid-1950s he became deputy secretary-general of *national* defence and then inspector-general of arms programmes, a position that was a precursor of his later role in developing tactical missiles.

He moved to Algeria in 1959, serving as an army corps commander fighting the FLN rebels south of Oran before being switched to Algiers, where he made a name for himself for his suppression of the "Barricades Revolt" in the city streets.

After his period as C-in-C Algeria, Crépin was made commander of French forces *in Germany in 1961. Shortly* afterwards he was made Général d'Armée, becoming at the age of 53 the youngest-ever five-star *general in the French* Army. Then, in 1963, he became Commander-in-Chief of Allied Forces, Central Europe, the last Frenchman to hold that command before de Gaulle withdrew French forces from the integrated Nato command in 1966.

A new career started after he retired from the army in 1967. *There was a shake-up* at the top of Nord Aviation, *makers of military transport* planes, such as the old Nord 262 and its replacement, the Transall. At the point at which the French Government appointed Crépin as its chairman, the company had moved into battlefield missiles.

The new head, with his *lengthy artillery* experience, was to oversee the develop*ment of both anti-tank and* anti-aircraft missiles, two areas of tactical guided *weapons* in which France gained a world-class reputation at that time. Crépin also encouraged his engineers to undertake programmes devoted to anti-missile defence systems and research into vertical take-off and landing.

He organised the company's merger with Sud-Aviation, noted for the Caravelle jetliner as well as military *systems, and Sereb, the* ballistics missile company. All three *came together as SNIAS* (Société Nationale Industrielle Aérospatiale) in 1970 which, in turn, became, the current aerospace giant, Aérospatiale, of which Crépin served as vice-chairman until 1975. During the same period (1972-75) he headed the Franco-German Euromissile group, devoted to anti-tank and anti-aircraft missiles.

He was holder of the Grand-Croix de la Légion d'Honneur, the Distinguished *Service Order and the* American Silver and Bronze Stars.

His wife Simone predeceased him and he is survived by his two daughters.

DOMINGUIN

Dominguin, Spanish bullfighter, died in Sotogrande, Cadiz, of a cardiac arrest on May 8 aged 69. He was born in Madrid on December 9, 1926.

ALL of Spain, and not just the sentimental world of bullfighting, was plunged into grief by the sudden death of the bullfighter Dominguin. Dominguin's prowess had been celebrated during his lifetime by Ernest Hemingway and Ava Gardner — in their different ways and for very different reasons.

The bullfighter, whose real name was Luis Miguel González Lucas, had been a national icon for most of his eventful life. Born into a bullfighting family, he achieved fame as much by his many conquests outside the bullring as by the skill he displayed once inside it. Rakishly good-looking, muscular and taller than most *Spaniards of his generation*, Dominguin was an adroit and arrogant bullfighter, who ascended to the status of "matador", or the first division of bullfighting, at the early age of 17.

His father, also a bullfighter, who fought under the name of Domingo Dominguín, steered his son towards the bullring as a youth. The boy was barely 12 when he *faced and killed his first becerro*, or young bull aged between two *and three years*. At a mere 14 he became a *novillero*, or a fighter of bulls older than three. Bulls grow fiercer as they get older and at four years of age are believed to have reached their most aggressive peak. It is these bulls — fierce, full-grown *toros* — that matadors face in the ring, and for Dominguin to have done so at the age of *only* 17, at a time when Spain's *bulls did not suffer from the* present curse of gentleness, was a *considerable feat* indeed.

Later in life, Dominguín (as he had now been renamed by his public) became a close friend of Hemingway and was a passionate admirer of the American writer's classic work on bullfighting, *Death in the Afternoon* (1932). Dominguin's apparent rivalry with Antonio Ordóñez — a contemporary and arguably better matador — caught the attention of Hemingway, and he profiled their relationship in his book *The Dangerous Summer* (1959), *published first* as a three-part serial in *Life* magazine. Yet this rivalry, according to Joaquín Vidal, the most acute observer of tauromachy today, was probably "more literary than real".

Dominguín retired from the *bullring in 1960, and his* departure was marked in *verse by Rafael Alberti, now* the nonagenarian doyen of Spanish poetry, in *Un solo toro para Luis Miguel Dominguin*. "Luis Miguel. Vuelvo a los toros por ti, yo, Rafael. Por ti, al ruedo, al redondel — ¡ay, con más años que miedo! — Luis Miguel," he wrote (translated as "Luis Miguel. I, Rafael. Return to the bulls for you. *To the* bullring for you, to the arena — *oh, what fear when we are* older! — Luis Miguel.")

There was another kind of poetry in the life of Dominguin — *who married* the Italian actress Lucia Bose in 1954: the poetry of women. His deftness with cape and sword apart, it was really for his conquests of beautiful women, of whom there was an apparently endless stream, that Dominguín was lauded in Spain and abroad. His most public relationship, by which he first captured the imagination of the non-bullfighting *world, was with the American* film star Ava Gardner.

Once, in 1956, when Miss Gardner was in a Madrid hospital for a minor operation, he filled her room with 56 vases of red roses, one for every year gone in the century. Their affair, which lasted from 1953 to 1956, was expected to *end in separation from Lucia*, but that did not happen until *over a decade later*. Miss Gardner, recalling those days later in life, sometimes regretted that she did not marry Dominguín. The bullfighter, however, had no such regrets. When asked recently if he should have married the glamorous actress he replied simply: "No. She would have left me no time for the bulls."

Dominguín was also linked at various times with Rita Hayworth, Lana Turner, Lauren Bacall, Brigitte Bardot and his *own niece Mariví*. That last affair so scandalised Carmen Polo de Franco — with whose husband, the General, Dominguin often went hunting — that she ordered a curt halt to his relationship with the girl.

Dominguin was a close friend also of Pablo Picasso. When Dominguín made a brief and ill-advised comeback to the ring in 1971, Picasso himself designed the matador's farewell suit of lights.

He is survived by his second wife, Rosario Primo de Rivera, *whom he married in 1987, and* by a son and daughter from *his first marriage*.

PHILIP RIDLEY

Philip Ridley, CB, CBE, Deputy Secretary at the Department of Industry, 1975-80, died on May 1 aged 75. He was born on March 25, 1921.

PHILIP RIDLEY'S reputation as a "safe pair of hands" at the Department *of Industry* (later the Department of Trade and Industry) was enhanced by his handling of the Flixborough disaster in the summer of 1974. As the man from the ministry responsible for Britain's textiles and chemicals industries, he helped to set up the inquiry and to co-ordinate events following the explosion at a *Humberside* chemical plant in which 29 people died and *100 nearby houses* were destroyed.

That the country's chemicals industry did not suffer more collateral damage through an erosion of public confidence was at least partly due to Ridley's reassuring efficiency in the months which followed. With four years experience behind *him* as Commercial Counsellor at the British Embassy in Washington, Ridley was then an Under-Secretary at the Department of *Industry* — the Whitehall department in *which he had spent most of his* career. Twelve months after Flixborough *he was promoted* to Deputy Secretary at the *ministry* with a wider arc of interest, before retiring from Whitehall in 1980.

Yet Philip Waller Ridley had originally embarked on a career at the Foreign Office, and he still entertained some regrets about switching to the Home Civil Service. Born in Sanderstead, Surrey, he was the son of an architect who, on finding clients hard to come by during the 1930s' Depression, *invested instead in a Sussex* farm. It was there that Philip lived in his teenage years, cycling two miles a day to a country station to catch the train to Lewes County Grammar School.

He won a scholarship to Trinity College, Cambridge, where he rowed for the college before taking a first in modern languages. *His course was* shortened to two years because of the Second World War, and on graduating he was immediately called up by the Army.

Ridley was commissioned into the Intelligence Corps and sent off to West Africa for two years, returning to take part in the battle for North West Europe. He was landed by a glider in Germany as an intelligence officer attached to the 6th Airborne Division and fought with them until VE-Day.

He remained in Germany after the war, attached as a *major* to the British Control Commission in Berlin, then returned to join the Foreign Office's German section. There he found himself engaged on similar work to that which he had just left, but this time in the role of a civil servant. He left the Foreign *Office after three years*, concerned that the turbulence of *overseas postings could disrupt* his children's education. He moved instead to the Ministry of Supply, 1951-55, and then the Board of Trade, 1955-56. After two years at the Atomic Energy Office he returned to the Board of Trade, then in 1966 left for his tour in Washington. He was appointed CBE in 1969 and CB in 1978.

On retiring from the Civil Service, Ridley became a director of the Avon Rubber Company and also accepted a number of consultancies — *mainly with chemicals and* associated industries, an area which by that time he knew so well. *He gradually relinquished* these in the late 1980s, *however, and concentrated* thereafter on voluntary work around his Sussex home.

Conservation of the countryside was a chief concern. He *was a leading figure in the* Chailey Common Society, as well as *his local foothpaths* society and the Farming and Wildlife Action Group, which seeks to bring farmers and conservationists together.

A big man, 6ft 2in tall and well built, he kept himself lean and fit with long country walks, energetic gardening and skiing. He continued downhill and cross-country skiing until two years ago. *But* he was also fond of music, especially opera, and made regular pilgrimages to Glyndebourne five miles away. He was a calm, phlegmatic and well-liked civil servant who was known for being considerate to subordinates. *His rather old-fashioned*, episcopal manner earned him the *affectionate sobriquet of* "the bishop", which he accepted in good spirit.

Ridley married his wife Foye, a friend from childhood, in 1942 when she was 19 and he had just turned 21. They had to bring forward the wedding because he was posted by the Army to West Africa. She survives him, together *with two sons and a daughter*. Their elder daughter died 30 years ago, *shortly after their* arrival in the United States.

ON THIS DAY

May 10, 1902

St Pierre was completely devastated by the eruption of Mont Pelée: only one of the town's inhabitants was reported to have escaped death.

THE DESTRUCTION OF ST. PIERRE.

(FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.)

PARIS, MAY 9.

The volcanic eruption in Martinique has had terrible consequences. St. Pierre, the commercial capital, with *all its inhabitants*, has, as already announced in *The Times* of this *morning, been destroyed. Captain le Bris, of* the cruiser Suchet, telegraphed from Fort de France last night to the Ministry of Marine—

"I have returned from St. Pierre. The town was completely destroyed by a mass of fire which fell on it about 8 o'clock this morning. I presume the entire population is destroyed. I have brought away *the few survivors*, about 30. All the vessels in the roads burnt and lost. The volcanic *eruption continues*. I am leaving for Guadeloupe to obtain provisions."

This disaster has stunned the French public. The eruption of Mont Pelée began on Saturday night, when large quantities of cinders were thrown into the surrounding country, obliging the inhabitants to take refuge at Prêcheur, St. Philomèle, and St. Pierre. The eruption was not thought to be serious, but on Monday the *Guérin factories*, two *miles* from St. Pierre, were destroyed and 150 persons were missing. On Tuesday the Governor, M. Mouttet, announced that a torrent of mud and burning lava was *pouring down* the White River Valley. The torrent has engulfed the town, which, with its suburbs, had nearly 36,000 inhabitants...

Reuter's Agency hasbeen informed by a gentleman lately resident in St. Pierre that, while it is difficult to estimate exactly the number of white people in *St. Pierre*, there were probably not less than 1,000 "more or less *white*" *people in the town*. It is believed that only a few, probably not more than half a dozen, Englishmen were there. These were engaged in trade, and in all probability there would be also one or two Scotsmen, in charge of the machinery of the sugar refineries. The town of St. Pierre is a well-built and bustling typical West Indies town, picturesquely situ*ated on the plain at the foot of Mont* Pelée, the crater of which is five miles distant. The volcano, which has been quiescent for many a year, is the most northerly mountain on the island. It is nearly 5,000ft. high, and is situated in the centre of a region of which St. Pierre formed the southern boundary...

The terrible extent to which the town must have suffered may be judged from the loss of *life occasioned to the shipping in the harbour*, which would probably consist of small coasting steamers and sailing vessels, together with larger ships which may have called for orders. The Roraima and the Roddam are both British vessels, and both have English officers and crews. The Roddam had 26 officers and men on board, and probably also 14 native labourers. A telegram received from St. Lucia *late yesterday afternoon* announced that the Roddam had arrived at St. Lucia from St. *Pierre without her anchor and chain, and with* her tarpaulin and running gear burnt. This means that the ship escaped only by cutting her anchor chain and steaming out of the harbour at all speed. The fact is evidence of the appalling suddenness of the catastrophe, for notwithstanding all efforts 17 of the crew lost their lives.

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Carey attacks Howard jail policy

■ The Archbishop of Canterbury accused the Government of moving towards a "wild frontier" penal system motivated by revenge rather than justice. In an attack on Michael Howard's policy of tougher prison sentences, Dr George Carey called for greater use of other punishments ....Page 1

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South Africa's National Party announced its withdrawal from the Government of National Unity accelerating the rand's precipitious fall on the currency markets .... Pages 1, 11, 17

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■ Spinach sales are soaring. Supermarkets believe children watching Popeye cartoons on television are behind the 100 per cent jump in demand. At first 250g packs were most popular, but now bigger packets are selling. Tesco, which maintains year-round supplies with imports from around the world, expects spinach to be one of its best-selling products.... Page 9

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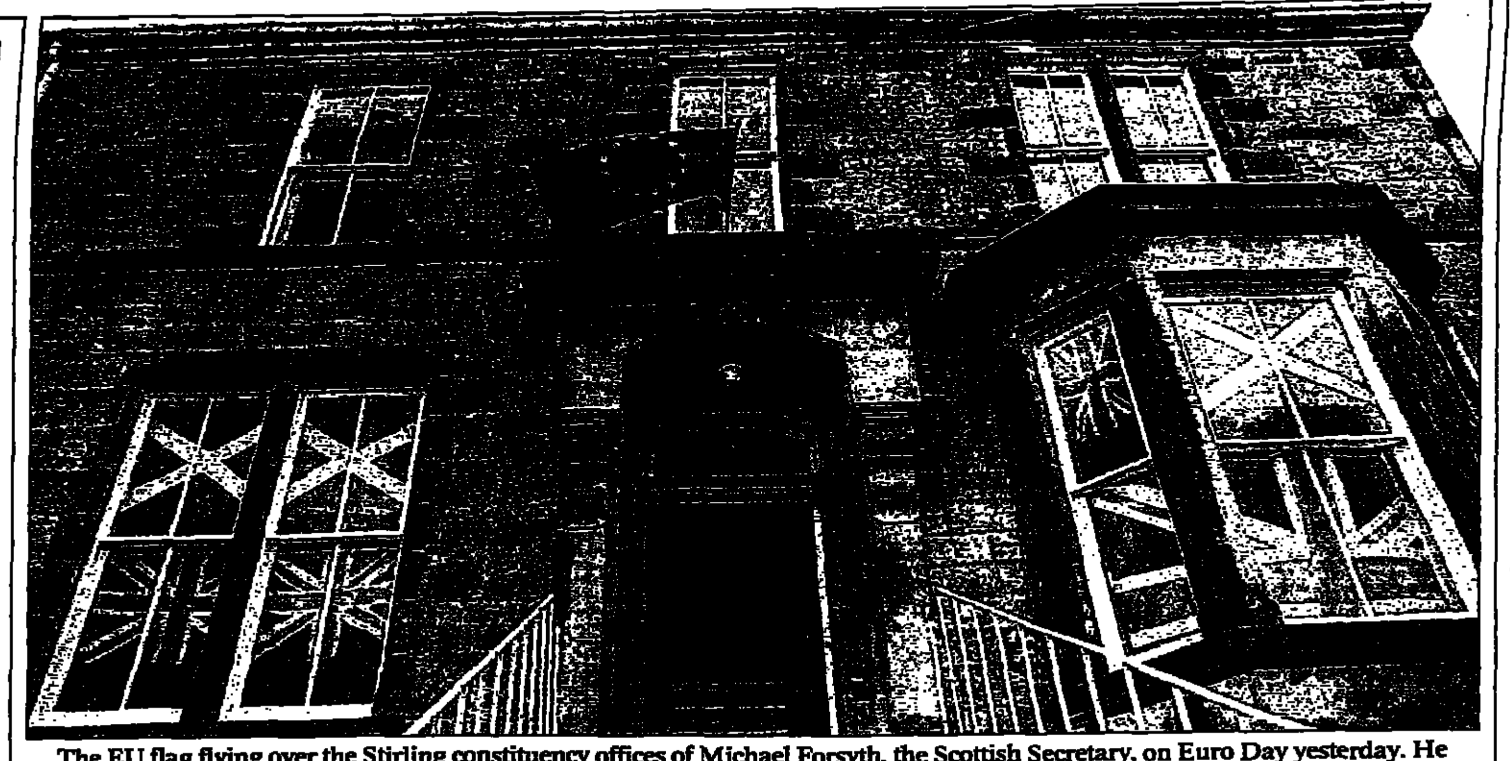

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California's fourth-graders rank at the bottom in national tests of reading comprehension. The whole-language method of teaching reading has served many California schoolchildren poorly and hundreds of thousands of students are on a path to almost certain academic failure. Governor Pete Wilson has now embraced traditional methods and proposes to spend $227 million on phonics instruction. But he should remember that no one method will work for all children and that what is needed is a well-rounded programme for all young Californians — *Los Angeles Times*

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South Africa certainly needed the normal politics of opposition at some point, but this was hardly an opportune moment. Without the restraining influence of the National Party, President Mandela will find managing the Government much harder .... Page 17

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The Westminster Council housing affair will not end for years yet. Before it does the wisdom of judging local councillors and officials in this way should be reviewed, and urgently ....Page 17

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Beethoven really did not need to be told how to do his work, and Graham Vick did not need to be told how to do *his*. There was a massive wooden cross which almost filled the stage, telling us that what we were to see and hear came from God and Man. The two had joined forces.................................. Page 16

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You do not understand the importance of the *fiction* of spies to the British. The idea of the spy as hero is a minor literary genre at which the British excel ....Page 16

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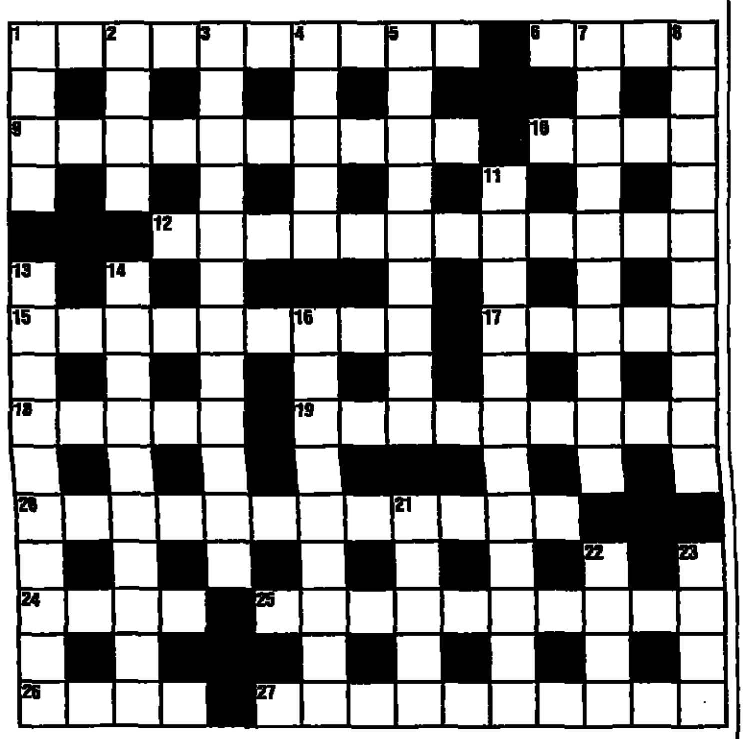

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1 Top-class villain in farewell theatrical performance (10).
6 Moslem, I rule to some extent (4).
9 Money-making ability possibly said to get involved in a good deal (5,5).
10 I had streamlined each plan (4).
12 Hare, perhaps, is drab — the cony's different (4-8).
15 Wise guy, in other words, about to spoil story (5,4).
17 A foreign method of identification is loose (5).
18 Result in forming a unit without it (5).
19 Unable to relax, I will worry about beginning to age (3,2,4).
20 They're beasts, disposed to kick up a dust (3,2,3,4).
24 Generated sound money (4).
25 Glued pieces broken, caught by stick in beating (10).
26 Narcissus didn't want her parrot (4).
27 Idealistic, stopped consuming rum initially, then whisky (6-4).

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1 Patch up part of shoe (4).
2 Ignoring the odds, turned boy loose (4).
3 Point when that older you appears twice as attractive (4,2,3,3).
4 Valuable commodity — gold — found in plant (5).
5 Law-breaker defended by non-professional brief (9).
7 Easy, for example, involving MD in mishap (10).
8 Cock gun covering a policeman once (4-6).
11 Most ceased work before union meeting in connexion with building (12).
13 Professed love within reasonable time (10).
14 Prosthesis that feels, at first, ever so strange (5,5).
16 Poet has to chase after Aurora (5,4).
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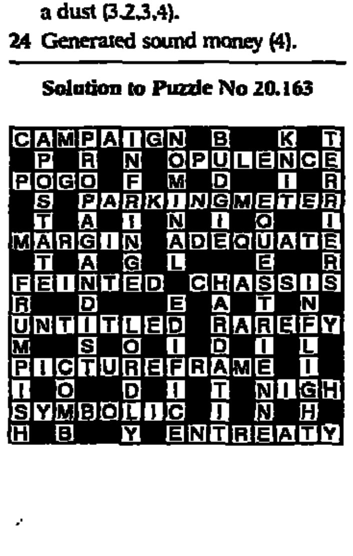

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Essex/Herts/Beds/Bucks/Berks/Oxon	732
Kent/Surrey/Sussex/Hants	734
M25 London Orbital only	736
National traffic and roadworks	
National motorways	737
West Country	738
Wales	739
Midlands	740
East Anglia	741
North-west England	742
North-east England	743
Scotland	744
Northern Ireland	745

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HIGHEST & LOWEST

Yesterday: Highest day temp: Hove, East Sussex, 15C (59F); lowest day max: Cape Wrath, Highland, 7C (45F); highest rainfall: Newcastle Weather Centre 0.04in: highest sunshine: Bognor Regis, West Sussex, 14 1hr.

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FORECAST

☐ **General:** showery in most places. In England and Wales there will be a bright and, in places, frosty start with cloud soon building up. By midday there will be showers, mainly in the east and some heavy, but spreading to most places in the afternoon. Later, although showers will peter out, eastern counties may remain cloudy, perhaps with some evening rain. Strong winds.

After a bright start, cloud and showers will spread from eastern Scotland to much of the south of Scotland and into Northern Ireland. The northwest should stay bright and dry. Cloud and rain are likely in the southeast later.

☐ **London, SE England, E Anglia:** bright or sunny intervals. Occasional showers. Wind fresh, northeast. Chilly. Max 13C (55F).

☐ **Central S England, E Midlands, W Midlands, Channel Isles, SW England, S Wales, N Wales, NW England, Lake District, Isle of Man, Central N, Edinburgh & Dundee, Aberdeen, SW Scotland, Glasgow:** cold bright start. Cloud building with showers likely in afternoon, dying out later. Wind moderate or fresh, northerly. Cool. Max 13C (55F).

☐ **E England, NE England, Borders:** mostly cloudy, showers, some heavy. Overcast by evening with rain later. Wind fresh, northerly. Cold. Max 11C (52F).

☐ **Central Highlands, Moray Firth, NE Scotland, Argyll, NW Scotland, Orkney, Shetland:** bright with sunny periods. Wind light, northerly. Cool. Max 10C (50F).

☐ **N Ireland:** bright with sunny periods, a few showers later. Wind light, northerly. Cool. Max 11C (52F).

☐ **Outlook:** rain or drizzle in the northeast gradually clearing. Elsewhere, brighter with some showers.

AROUND BRITAIN YESTERDAY

24 hrs to 5 pm: b=bright; c=cloud; d=drizzle; ds=dust storm; du=dull; f=fair; fg=fog; g=gale; h=hail; r=rain; sh=shower; sl=sleet; sn=snow; s=sun; t=thunder

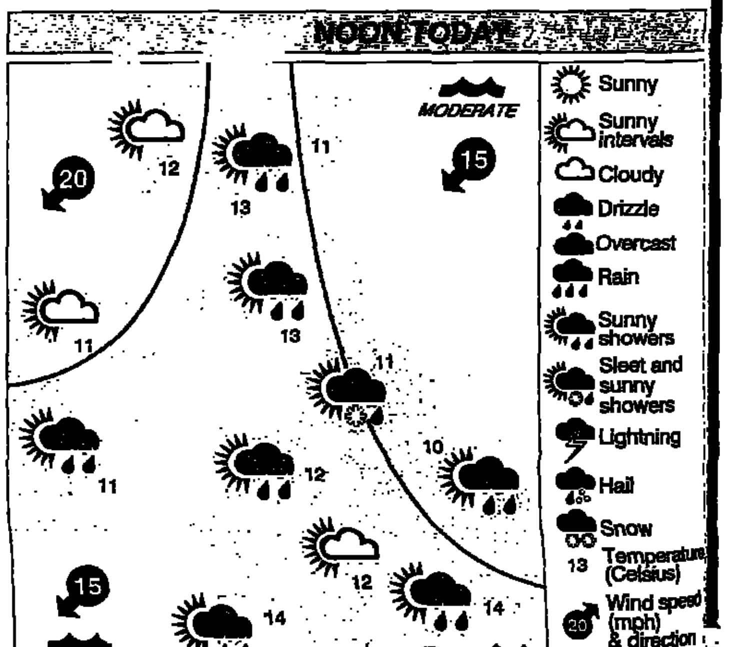
	Sun hrs	Rain in	Max C	Max F			Sun hrs	Rain in	Max C	Max F	
Aberdeen	10 5	-	10	50	s	Leuchars	9.7	-	9	48	s
Anglesey	X					Littlehmptn	12 4	-	13	55	s
Aspatria	10 4	-	11	52	s	London	12 8	-	12	54	s
Aviemore	7.6	-	9	48	b	Lowestoft	10 5	-	9	48	b
Belfast	8.5	-	12	54	s	Manchester	7 5	0 01	11	52	s
Birmingham	6 9	0 01	11	52	sh	Margate	12 1	-	10	50	s
Bognor R	14.1	-	14	57	s	Minehead	3 1	-	11	52	b
Bournem'th	-	-	13	55	s	Mmmm					
Bristol	6.8	-	11	52	b	Morecambe	7 3	-	11	52	s
Buxton	3 8	-	8	46	s	Newcastle	10 3	0 04	8	46	b
Cardiff	5.2	-	12	54	b	Newquay	X				
Clacton	13.8	-	10	50	s	Norwich	8 9	0 01	9	48	b
Cromer	8.3	0 01	8	46	s	Oxford	7.9	0 01	11	52	b
Dunbar	10 1	-	8	46	s	Penzance	11.3	-	12	54	s
Eastbourne	13.9	-	13	55	s	Poole	9.7	-	13	55	s
Edinburgh	X					Ross-o-wye	6.2	-	12	54	b
Eskdalemuir	9.7	0 01	9	48	s	Ryde	12.5	-	13	55	s
Exmouth	8.5	-	11	52	b	Salcombe	10.1	-	13	55	s
Falmouth	7 3	-	14	57	b	Sandown	10 5	-	14	57	s
Fishguard	11 9	-	10	50	s	Saunton Snd	11 1	-	12	54	s
Folkestone	13 6	-	11	52	s	Scarboro'	12.8	-	9	48	s
Glasgow	11.6	-	12	54	s	Shanklin	X				
Guernsey	8.0	-	12	54	s	Shrewsbury	8.7	-	11	52	b
Hastings	13 8	-	12	54	s	Skegness	9 7	-	9	48	s
Hayling I	13.8	-	14	57	s	Southend	11.3	-	12	54	s
Herne Bay	13.3	-	10	50	s	Southport	6.9	-	11	52	s
Hove	10.1	-	15	59	b	Southsea	11 4	-	13	55	s
Hunstanton	9 0	-	9	48	s	Stornoway	13.4	-	10	50	s
Ilfracombe	X					Swanage	10 8	-	12	54	s
Isle of Man	12.3	-	12	54	s	Teignmouth	8 0	-	12	54	b
Jersey	11 0	-	12	54	s	Tiree	9.6	-	10	50	s
Kinloss	6 4	0 01	10	50	sh	Torquay	11 1	-	14	57	s
Leeds	8 0	0.01	11	52	s	West-s-mare	X				
Lerwick	8.7	0.01	8	46	s	Weymouth	10.2	-	13	55	s

ABROAD

Ajaccio	20	68	f	Corfu	24	75	s	Majorca	22	72	s	Rome	21	70	f
Akrotiri	29	84	s	C'phagn	12	54	s	Malaga	21	70	f	S Fr'sco	X	X	X
Alex'dria	26	79	s	Dublin	12	54	s	Malta	26	79	s	S Paulo	26	79	f
Algiers	22	72	s	Dubrovnik	23	73	s	Melb'rne	13	55	f	Salzburg	18	64	f
Amst'dm	14	57	s	Faro	18	64	s	Mexico C	23	73	s	Santiago	20	68	s
Athens	26	79	s	Florence	20	68	r	Miami	29	84	c	Seoul	19	66	s
B Aires	18	64	s	Frankfurt	11	52	r	Milan	22	72	f	Sing'por	27	81	t
Bahrain	39	102	s	Funchal	18	64	c	Montreal	18	64	X	St'kholm	11	52	s
Bangkok	34	93	f	Geneva	19	66	s	Moscow	20	68	c	Strasb'rg	13	55	c
Barbados	X	X	X	Gibraltar	21	70	f	Munich	18	64	f	Sydney	18	64	c
Barcelona	22	72	s	Helsinki	11	52	c	N Delhi	38	100	s	Tangier	19	66	f
Beirut	24	75	s	Hong K	X	X	X	N York	14	57	f	Tel Aviv	36	97	s
Belgrade	28	82	s	Innsbrck	21	70	f	Nairobi	23	73	c	Tenerife	25	77	f
Berlin	8	46	f	Istanbul	19	66	s	Naples	24	75	f	Tokyo	14	57	c
Bermuda	21	70	c	Jeddah	37	99	s	Nice	14	57	t	Toronto	15	59	f
Biarritz	16	61	s	Jo'burg	21	70	f	Oslo	14	57	f	Tunis	25	77	s
Bordx'x	15	59	r	L Angels	19	66	s	Paris	10	50	c	Valencia	22	72	f
Brussels	9	48	r	L Palmas	23	73	f	Peking	24	75	f	Vanc'ver	11	52	s
Budapest	24	75	f	Le Touqt	10	50	f	Perth	22	72	r	Venice	20	68	s
Cairo	38	100	s	Lisbon	16	61	f	Prague	14	57	c	Vienna	16	61	r
Cape Tn	26	79	f	Locarno	20	68	f	Reykjavik	7	45	r	Warsaw	20	68	f
Ch'church	22	72	X	Luxembg	15	59	f	Rhodes	25	77	s	Wash'ton	17	63	c
Chicago	15	59	c	Luxor	41	106	s	Rio de J	29	84	s	Wel'ngton	X	X	X
Cologne	12	54	c	Madrid	17	63	c	Riyadh	39	102	s	Zurich	18	64	f

Temperatures at midday Wednesday local time X - not available

NOON TODAY



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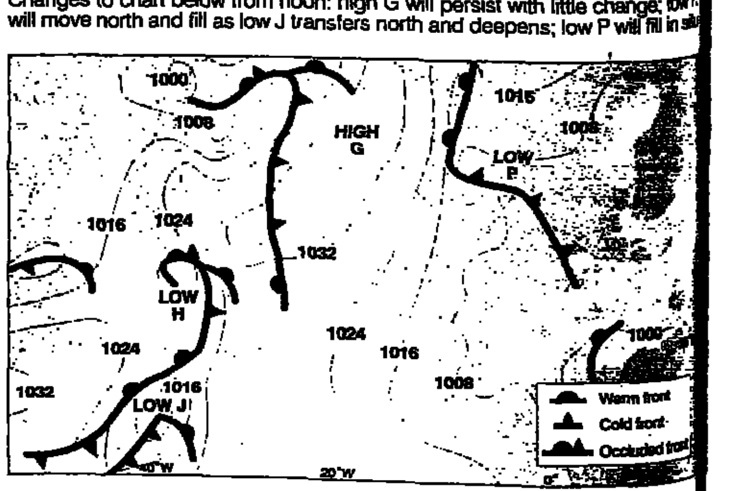

HIGH TIDES

TODAY	AM	HT	PM	HT	TODAY	AM	HT	PM	HT
London Bridge	6 46	6 3	7 01	6 0	Leith	7 44	4 9	8 27	[illegible]
Aberdeen	6 31	3 6	7 27	3 6	Liverpool	4 13	8 4	4 51	[illegible]
Avonmouth	-	-	12 15	11 1	Lowestoft	2 42	2 2	2 27	[illegible]
Belfast	4:02	3.3	4 56	3 1	Margate	5 05	4 2	5 19	[illegible]
Cardiff	-	-	12 09	9 8	Milford Haven	11 33	5 7	-	[illegible]
Devonport	11 03	4 6	11 27	4 7	Newquay	10 33	5 7	11 08	[illegible]
Dover	4 03	5 9	4 34	5 9	Oban	10 58	2 9	11 55	[illegible]
Dublin (N Wall)	4 37	3 8	5 35	3 6	Penzance	9 53	4 6	10 34	[illegible]
Falmouth	10.28	4 3	11 04	4 5	Portland	11.44	1.6	-	[illegible]
Greenock	5:03	3 1	5 56	2 9	Portsmouth	4 08	4 1	4 58	[illegible]
Harwich	4 46	3.6	5 08	3 4	Shoreham	4 02	5 3	4 45	[illegible]
Holyhead	3:14	5 0	4 05	4 6	Southampton	3:40	4 0	4 25	[illegible]
Hull (Albert D)	11 19	6 5	-	-	Swansea	11 36	7 9	-	[illegible]
Ilfracombe	11 12	7 7	11 50	7 8	Tees	8:53	4 8	9 42	[illegible]
King's Lynn	11 21	6 0	-	-	Walton-on-Naze	4 39	3 8	5 03	[illegible]

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HOURS OF DARKNESS

Sun rises: 5 16 am
Sun sets: 8 39 pm
Moon sets 12.34 pm
Moon rises 2.02 am
Last quarter today

London 8 39 pm to 5 15 am
Bristol 8 48 pm to 5.25 am
Edinburgh 9.10 pm to 5 08 am
Manchester 8 55 pm to 5.15 am
Penzance 8 55 pm to 5.41 am

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